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CAR-JACK DUO SENT TO PRISON

Report by Richard Guttridge

TWO robbers who grabbed a woman from her Audi as she waited for her windscreen to clear before using it to raid a cash delivery van at a super-market have been jailed.

The victim was pulled from her car in Linnet Close, Halesowen, at around

in Linnet Close, Halesowen, at around 7.30am on January 14 last year.
Chad Davis and Jordon James donned dark clothing and walked up to the Audi A3, pulling the 39-year-old victim out and then jumping in and driving off.

Police revealed the woman she was 'still haunted' by the attack and thinks about what happened every time she



Chad Davis

gets into her car.
Two weeks after the at-tack, the crooks used the vehicle as a getaway car - using false plates – after targeting a security van parked outside Tesco in Bristnall Hall Road, Old-bury.

Dye

But it wasn't long before the pair were rumbled. Police quickly located the stolen Audi parked be-hind a restaurant in Long Lane, Halesowen. Security dye, believed to have come from the cash

happened every time she

gets into her car.

box, was found in a nearby

Jordon James outbuilding. James, aged 24, was spotted going into a shop and was arrested by officers.

officers.

Investigators discovered from his phone that James had been at the location of the car-jacking and the cash box robbery and also found he had been working with 25-year-old Davis — who was then arrested on April 10.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court they admitted two robberies. Davis, of Higgins Walk, Smethwick, was jailed for seven years and James, of Albion Road, West Bromwich, for four-and-a-half.

James will begin his sentence in 2018 when

James will begin his sentence in 2018 when he completes an unrelated jail term he is cur-

he completes an unrelated jail term he is currently serving.

Detective Constable Derek Cole, of West Midlands Police, said: "The actions of these two were completely unacceptable and it is pleasing that they have been handed lengthy sentences behind bars.

"The victim of the car-jacking continues to be haunted by what happened that day. Fortunately she escaped with only minor injuries but has a constant reminder of what happened whenever she gets into her car."

OFFERS OF HELP AFTER CATERING FIRM COLLAPSE



Stella Weston, Kirsty Robinson, and Corrine Sherwood had all booked services through the now closed 'Bake A Cake'

MORE than a dozen cake and catering firms have stepped in to help save the day of brides and grooms-to-be following the sudden clo-

and grooms-ore knowing the studen co-sure of a Black Country firm.

Couples were left fearing for their wedding days after Bake a Cake announced it was closing. Now more than 15 generous sup-pliers have got in touch with customers on Facebook to help ensure their big days still go ahead successfully.

A group on the social network set up for those affected has doubled – with more than 2,200 members now signed up. One of the

firms to offer support is Vikki Lea Event Planning and Design.

Lisa Pearson from the company said:

"What's happened is absolutely devastating and we just want to offer our help.
"Obviously we can't afford to do it for free but we're offering all former Bake a Cake customers a 10 per cent discount and are hopefully throwing a few free bits in as well."

Bake a Cake announced on Facebook on Moredon't was closing down and as a result

Monday it was closing down and as a result would not be able to honour orders that have been booked in. A message on the site said

the firm had been hit by a burglary and arson attack and could no longer continue to trade.

Nicola Underhill, from Cradley Heath, is one of the affected customers

She is due to marry James Edwards on August 30 and had booked a popcorn machine and photo booth for her big day, while Kirsty Robinson, of Albert Road, Halesowen, ordered her flowers, 100 seat covers and sashes, cake

centrepieces, table cloths and photo booth be-fore learning of the firm's plight via facebook. Dudley Council's trading standards team has been contacted about the matter.

WRANGLE

Mosque row rumbles on as offer rejected

A PROPOSED cash deal for a new Dudley

A PROPOSED cash deal for a new Dudley mosque has been rejected by the council.

Dudley Muslim Association (DMA) had made a £325,000 offer to bring an end to the dispute over plans for a replacement mosque. It was unanimously rejected by the council's cabinet.

It means the long-running saga will rumble on with the two sides now set to return to the High Court in Cetaber.

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An action group of councillors and mosque leaders could be formed to look at sites other than that proposed off Hall Street.

TRAGEDY

Quad biker dies from fall injuries

A MAN who suffered serious head injuries after falling from a quad bike died three days after the accident

Ricky Hudson fell while riding along Quinton Road West, in Quinton, near Halesowen, last Tuesday, August 11, at around 6.50pm.
The 41-year-old father-of-three, from

the Quinton area, was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, but died on Friday morning. The 'devoted' father had supported

his wife through cancer treatme

FUNDING

Glass museum in £2m cash boost

AN MP has welcomed a major funding boost to secure a new museum celebrating Stourbridge's glass making heritage.
The British Glass Foundation has se-

Ine British Glass Foundation has se-cured 22.1m from the European Regional Development Fund to help transform the former Stuart Crystal site, opposite the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley. It will become home to a new Museum of Glass at the heart of Stourbridge' Glass Quarter.

Quarter.
Stourbridge MP Margot James said: "I am certain the renowned collection which will be held on the site will draw in thousands of glass enthusiasts."

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Top honour for terror victim Joel



Joel Richards is named as Referee of the Year: Credit Birmingham County FA

TUNISIA terror attack victim Joel Joel's achievements in the game by Richards has been posthumously awarded a top honour by the football community where he was an aspir-

The 19-year-old, who lived in Wednesbury, has been named Referee of the Year by Birmingham

Wednesbury, has been named Referere of the Year by Birmingham County FA.

Joel was killed alongside his uncle and Sandwell Council worker Adrian Evans, 49, of Bilston, and grandfather Patrick Evans, 78, also of Wednesbury, at the resort of Sousse.

Birmingham County FA celebrated

awarding him the accolade on Mon-day. It was voted for by County FA staff, referees, coaches and mentors and fellow members of the referee

and reliow members of the referred development group.

His younger brother Owen was on hand to receive the award on his behalf of his brother at the Bir-mingham County FA headquarters, in Great Barr. Owen collected the award from Birmingham FA chairman Mike Penn.

Mr Penn described Joel as an 'outstanding young man with the world

Chief Executive Chad Ehlertsen said Joel remained in the thoughts of everyone at the organisation.

Joel first qualified as a referee in September 2011 at the age of 16,

He was promoted to level six in March 2013 before completing a double promotion to become a level four referee in June 2014.

Joel was one of only a handful of

Joel was one of only a handful of referees in the country to be fast tracked to level four which official said highlighted his ability and com-mitment to refereeing.

Action demanded over hospital parking fees

Government intervention after it was revealed hospitals in the region charge up to six times more for an hour's parking than

at their nearest public car parks. Visitors have to fork out up to £2.60 for short stay parking at their local hospital – but are charged as little as

nospital – but are charged as house as 40p for a council car park. Sandwell Hospital and Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital currently charge the most for an hour's parking at £2.60, while council car parks across Sandwell charge just 40p for an hour.

In Dudley, motorists can pay just 60p for an hour at a council car parks. Rates at Russells Hall Hospital were recently increased, with an hour's parking rising from

Ereaseu, with a mour's parking rising from £2 by another 60p.

Charges are slightly lower at Wolver-hampton's New Cross Hospital, where visitors pay £2.30 for an hour. City centre council-owned car parks charge as little as 60p for the same amount of time, though bosses at New Cross pointed out that their long-stay prices are cheaper than many city centre car parks.

Private

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In Walsall, the Manor Hospital charges £2 for an hour. People parking on council car parks in the town must pay for up to two hours, which costs either £1 or £1.10. Private car parking firm NCP allows motorists to park in Church Street, Wolverhampton, for an hour for just 50p.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said he would call on the Government to take action, while Councillor Bill Etheridge, who famously quit his role as a hospital governor over the issue, branded the price hike 'utterly disgusting'.

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He said the charges 'go against the principles' on which the NHS was founded.

The Royal Wolverhampton Trust, which runs New Cross, said tariffs were compared

with other hospitals seach year and that the 'charges reflect this comparison'. Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust said its rates were 'comparable to trusts in the local area' and offers weekly concessionary passes. The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall, declined to comment.

Curtain up on theatre group's season



Members John Lucock, Mary O'Toole, Robert Gotch and Karen Whittingham

MEMBERS of Dudley Little Theatre are gearing up for their 69th annual season with a performance of Arthur Miller's classic drama All

All My Sons is the story of a family living in post-Second World War United States, struggling to come to terms with deeds they may have committed during the conflict.

The play is being staged in Netherton Arts Centre from September 9 to 12. Christine Ridgeway, press and publicity officer, said: "It is a

powerful family drama and dealing with the aftermath of greed and guilt. It's good acting and there's some really good folks in it. "It's got a very experienced di-rector and it is real value for money

and in the lovely old Victorian thea-tre with delightful facilities."

Tickets are priced at £8 and £7 for concessions

Book online at www.dudleylit-tletheatre.org or call Rebecca Clee on 01902 566077 or 07954424555.

As part of the new season, the

theatre company will also be performing Treasure Island. The adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure by Phil Wilmott will be ented from December 2 to 5.

The programme continues in the new year with Bouncers and Cocktails by John Godber and Jane Thornton from March 9 to 12 and finishes with Boeing Boeing by Marc Camoletti from May 11 to 14.

The group is on the lookout for members to act and help behind the scenes

Park enjoys £9k spend on benches and shelter

A £9,000 new youth shelter has been installed as part of improvements to a park near Stourbridge.

Car park resurfacing has also taken Car park resurtacing nas also taken place and four new benches have also been installed at Swan Pool Park, off Studley Gate in Norton.

Alan Hopwood, chairman of the Friends of Swan Pool Park, said: "We

rriends of Swan Pool Park, said: We had a check of what people wanted and we have had a new youth shelter put up.
"We have had funding from various things and put our own money in.
"The shelter is a place where people can sit with a little bit of shelter – it's a

can six with a hood on the top.

"We have also got four new benches on preferred sites which we asked members of the public to choose.

"We have had other things done

around the park, we have had the car parks resurfaced over the year and a couple of years ago we had a new play

area."

Mr Hopwood praised the efforts of the group and said a lot of hard work had

group and said a lot of hard work had gone into securing the new features.

He said as well as the group putting up some of the cost towards the new youth shelter, funding had also come from the Mary Stevens Trust.

The group will hold its AGM on Saturday, August 22 and Mr Hopwood added all are welcome.

People can also find out more about being part of the park group's commit-tee. It will be held at Alderman Tye Scouts Club on South Road, Stourbridge

Apartments bid at pub withdrawn

A PROPOSAL to transform a derelict pub appears to have fallen through after plans to convert it into five apartments ere withdrawn

Dudley Estates Ltd had submitted plans to takeover the New Hop and Bar-leycorn in Mason Street. The firm had requested a change of

The firm had requested a change of use for the building to allow it to be converted into living space.

A design and access statement that was submitted with the plans said the change would enhance the building which has been targeted by vandals since closing two years are. since closing two years ago.

However, the plans have now been withdrawn before they were due to come before Dudley Council.

Assault victim has cheekbone broken

A MAN sustained a fractured cheekbone following an assault in Coopers Lane,

Stourport.

The victim is believed to have had a disagreement with the suspect, a 36-year-old man, in a nearby pub prior to the attack between 3.30pm and 3.40pm on Monday, August 10.

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CCTV sees man drag his partner by her hair

A SERIAL offender caught on CCTV dragging his partner by the hair be-fore she ended up on the ground has been spared an immediate jail term.

Drug addict Warren Harper and the 31-year-old woman were both drunk at the time when trouble flared out-side Chaucer House in Severn Road,

side Chaucer House in Severn Road, Cradley during the early hours of August 1 last year, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.
Harper, also 31, who lived in the street and had 21 previous convictions involving 41 offences, was filmed tugging the woman by the hair from the flats into the adjoining car park.
Miss Amy Jackson, prosecuting, said: "She is seen trying to leave but he pulls her back.
"He admits that they had a row and, as he pushed her away, she fell

and, as he pushed her away, she fell to the floor cutting her head."

Police were called and found the pair sitting on the ground outside the block of flats. Harper was discovered to have a small kitchen knife with an 18 ms block in practice his product. The

18cm blade in one of his pockets. The weapon played no part in the incident. She had a small cut to the scalp as a result of the fall. The couple have now parted, the court heard.

Harper admitted wounding and possession of a bladed article. He was possession of a bladed article. He was sentenced to 18 months suspended under supervision for 18 months on condition that he attends a drug re-habilitation programme and training aimed at preventing domestic abuse. He will also have to appear for monthly assessments in front of Judge Martin Walsh

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Business rates scam warning

TRADERS are being warned over a business rates scam after a Dudley firm fell victim.

In exchange for a fee of more than £1,000, the company was led to believe it would have its business rates reduced on appeal. Instead the bogus service merely lodged the necessary paperwork with the valuation office-something which can be done for free. Dudley Council said the fees paid

could outweigh any benefit gained and rates may also be increased.

The bogus firms particularly target small businesses which are advised to ask anyone offering the service for contact details of past clients.

Councillor Rachel Harris said: "Our advice is to say no to firms who cold call offering a rating appeal service."

Lookalike cruises along to movie

A TOM Cruise lookalike will appear at a screening of Top Gun at intu Merry Hill tomorrow night. The drive-in movie at the Brierley Hill complex starts at 9.30pm. Ticket sale proceeds go to Promise Dreams.

Fizzogs on the Fringe of stardom



Dancing grannies fly the flag

DANCING grannies the Fizzogs have taken the Edinburgh Fringe Festival by storm with a series of acclaimed performances.

Audiences flocked to The Space

venue to watch the Dudley comedy group stage a 45-minute extract from their Fifty Shades of Fizzog show.

Members also performed their routine, which has become an internet sensation, on the streets of the Scottish capital and proudly flew the Black Country flag. All their shows

were near sell-outs and have been re-ceived with standing ovations.

As a result, Sue Hawkins, Deb Nicholls, Jacky Fellows and James Collins gained an army of new fans. Stephanie Bowers, from Cumbria, said: "They are so clever. Their hu-mour is mischievous but in a way they remind you of the things you want to

remind you of the things you want to forget about yourself."

Mary Bevan, from South Wales, added: "The Fizzogs were recom-mended to us by some friends in

appointed."

Reviews have also been strong with

the website Chortle saying the performance was a highlight. Fringe website Broadway Baby said: "This year's breakthrough sketch show is not just another bunch of students. This year

it is the turn of the Fizzogs."

They perform the full version of "Fifty Shades of Fizzog" at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Septem-

NEWS IN BRIEF ³ **Drivers clocked**

DRIVERS have been clocked speeding along a road in Wordsley.

In just an hour, 11 drivers were caught breaking the 30mph limit along Rangeways Road near High Acres pub. The highest speed was 44mph. Members of the speed watch group clocked the drivers between 7-8pm.

Councillor Derrick Hemingsley said: "I am determined with Wordsley Speed Watch we will make a differ-ence for the safety of all in Wordsley."

To work with Wordsley Speed Watch, call 07771 977746.

Wife's cheekbone broken in pub row

A MAN fractured his wife's cheek-bone after hitting and pushing her to the ground during a row at the Lawnswood pub, Wordsley.

Lee Prescott lashed out at wife Jemma in the early hours of March 2.

Jemma in the earry hours of March 2.
Prescott, 48, of Hill Morton Road,
Four Oaks, pleaded guilty to grievous
bodily harm and, at Wolverhampton
Crown Court last week, was given a
10-month prison sentence suspended
for two years He was ordered to pay
his wife £500 compensation, pay the
prosecution costs of £320 and a £100
victim surcharge.

Spooky puppet is a Youtube hit

A SPOOKY puppet has been filmed apparently moving in a cabinet – and has become an internet hit.

The creepy marionette been cap-

The creepy marionette been cap-tured on film moving inside a sealed cabinet in the dead of night, attracting more than 14,000 hits on YouTube. Paranormal investigator Jayne Harris, 32, of Stourbridge, stored it inside a glass container and recorded it every night for three months before her cameras caught the wooden doll appearing to come to life.

Man squirted with 'harmful' substance

A MAN was left with sore eyes and runny nose after a potentially harm-ful liquid was squirted through a let-terbox of a home in Tipton.

Residents living in flats in High Street, Princes End, were told to keep windows and doors closed following the incident last Thursday just after 10.30am.

Police said the victim quickly recov ered and did not need to go to hospital. The scene was later declared safe. Witnesses are asked to call 101.

Lupus support drop-in

DETAILS of the latest meeting of the West Midlands Lupus Group have been announced. The group are hosting a drop-in session at Russells Hall Hospital, in Dudley, tonight (Thursday). It takes place in room 12 in the Clinical Education Centre, by Action Heart from 2-4nm. Heart, from 2-4pm

In Aid of

Birmingham

We did it! Students make A-level grades

THERE were jubilant scenes across Dudley as students celebrated A-level success.

Two years of hard work paid off, with a number of schools and colleges recording their best ever results.

The overall pass rate across the West Midlands

The overall pass rate across the West Midlands rose by 0.3 per cent this year to 98.1 per cent. Ellowes Hall Sports College in Lower Gornal posted record breaking results, with students recording the school's highest ever average points score and more than 50 per cent of entries at A2 or equivalent being awarded grades A* or A. Headteacher Alan Jasper said: "We wish to congratulate all our sixth form students on their outstanding results this summer."

At Dudley College the pass rate increased for the third year in a row, while at Bishop Milner Catholic College, 48 per cent of results were at A*-B grades and 75 per cent came in at A*-C, while the ACE Academy in Tipton saw a 100 per cent A-Level pass rate.

Elsewhere, Barr Beacon School is celebrating the school's best ever results with so many A*s that Executive Headteacher Dame Maureen Brennan has described them as 'stellar'.

Quarter

It was a similar story at George Salter Academy in West Bromwich, with 78 per cent of students achieving three or more A*-C grades . Sandwell College's Central Sixth students secured a 100 per cent pass rate in 20 different subjects, and a 99 per cent pass rate overall. Dudley Sixth Form saw an improvement on last year's results with a 98.3 per cent pass rate. Principal Lowell Williams said: "It's a good news story all round for our A-level students."

Halesowen College celebrated a 99 per cent pass rate at A-level.

pass rate at A-level. pass rate at A-level.
At Wolverhampton Grammar School, a quarter
of students got a clean sheet of A* and A grades,
while 72 per cent of all A level passes were at
grades A-B. At The Royal School Wolverhampton, one in five A-levels were graded at either A

or A*, while half of all maths results were A-B.
St Edmund's Catholic Academy in Wolver-hampton saw 100 per cent of students achieve
A-levels and 20 per cent of the grades achieved

A-levels and 20 per cent of the graces achieved were at Λ^* or Λ .

At Tettenhall College more than half of all students gained Λ^* .C grades, while a quarter of pupils achieved the top Λ^* or Λ grades. The overall pass rate was 92 per cent.

Wolverhampton Girls' High School saw 49 per cent awarded either Λ^* or Λ , while 41 girls achieved three or more Λ^* or Λ grades.



Celebrating at Halesowen College are, from left, Pooja Sharma Kamila Milewska and Emma Jennings





Getting their results are Lucy Edwards and Joely Wade

Record number off to universities

A RECORD number of students

A RECORD number of students are heading to university this year despite a narrow drop in the number of top A-level grades nation-wide, official figures show.

The number of boys and girls awarded the coveted A* and grades dipped to 25.9 per cent, down 0.1 per cent on last year. But the overall pass rate has risen to 98.1 per cent. University admissions service Ucas said 409,410

people had already been accepted on to higher education courses in the UK, up three per cent on last

Official figures also suggest that Official figures also suggest that students have tried to increase their chances of gaining entry to puniversities by taking more traditional subjects such as maths, science, modern languages and English literature. Schools minimum in the literature. ister Nick Gibb claimed the rise

in students taking facilitating subjects is 'clear proof' that the Government's introduction of the English Baccalaureate perfor-mance measure at GCSE has en-

mance measure at GCSL has en-couraged more people to continue studying core academic subjects. The EBacc recognises students who achieve at least a C at GCSE in English, maths, two sciences, history or geography and a lan-





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THE BEST OF

THE death is announced, at the age of 101, of Frances Kelsey. Her claim to fame is that in 1960, working for the US Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), she was asked to review an application from a US company to make under licence a sedative invented in Germany. Kelsey was not convinced it was safe. The company put pressure on FDA officials who in turn put Kelsey under pressure. She would not give in, even when the company threatened to sue the FDA for libel. And then, as she had feared, reports began coming from Europe of children born with terrible defects. The new drug was called Thalidomide and Frances Kelsey was the woman who saved America from the agony and anguish which this drug created in the rest the agony and anguish which this drug created in the rest

ALL eyes are on Benedict Cumberbatch playing Hamlet at the Barbican in London. The play's most famous line is "To be or not to be .." But there is another great line. Polonius says: "This above all: to thine own self be true."



The line has been discussed for 400 years and is usually presented as a trite or meaningless tip from a bit of an old duffer.

And yet it contains a gem of truth. If you believe something truth. If you believe sometring to be wrong, don't let anyone browbeat you into thinking it's right. Frances Kelsey was true to herself, and millions of Americans bless her name.

ANYBODY else puzzled by the use of the term "bail out" to describe the EU supporting the Greek economy? You bail out when a boat is sinking; the aim to remove as much water as possible. In the Greek crisis, the EU is trying to pour as much money as necessary into the Greek treasury. It's not so much a bail-out as a bail-in.

TAUTOLOGY corner. I referred recently to "generations who could do mental arithmetic in their head." As a number of you have pointed out, where else would they do it?

As the Edinburgh Festival and Fringe is under way comedians should take comfort and remember that being a comedian is the easiest of all jobs because, if it goes horribly wrong, at least no-one will laugh at you.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Ten appear in court Burst main leads to on child sex charges at homes at homes

TEN men, including one from Halesowen and two from Sandwell, have appeared in court charged in connection with a child prostitution sex ring investigation.

They appeared at Birmingham Magistrates Court for a series of brief hearings to formally hear the charges against them.

Nine of the men are alleged to have facilitated the pros-

gate, in Birmingham is fac-ing four charges including allegedly sexually assaulting a 14-year-old boy in 2009. Ronald Potter, 78, of Tip-

rotatic rotter, 76, or 11p-pers Lane, Fillongley, Cov-entry, is accused of raping a child along with a further two charges of of indecently assaulting a teenage boy be-tween 2001 and 2002.

Ashley Sherrington, aged 24, of Dawlish Drive, Bentley, Stoke-on-Trent, is facing a single count of child

Appearing alongside the en was Michael Godbold,

men was Michael Godbold, of Uxbridge Road, Shepherds Bush, London.
He is also accused of several child sex offences including two counts of child rape, three of sexual activity with a child, drugs possession offences and of having an imitation firearm.
All the men indicated not guilty pleas to the charges

guilty pleas to the charges and will appear at Birming-ham Crown Court for a pre-liminary hearing on August

titution of a 15-year-old boy. Six also face charges of child Report by Lee Watton

The men were led to the dock in groups of twos and threes or appeared alone. They spoke only to confirm their names, addresses and dates of birth

Allen Priest, 63, of Hay-wood Bridge, Halesowen, is charged with two counts of

Accused

Ian Prestleton, 53, of High Hadden Road, Crad-ley Heath, faces one charge of raping a child. Darren Clegg, 27, of Hillside Drive, Great Barr, is charged with one offence of sexual assault

one offence of sexual assault against a teenage boy. Other accused are Robert Bailey, 26, of Watt Road, Erdington, 67-year-old Peter Lowe, of Salisbury Close, Moseley, and Stephen Kelly, 39, of Elm Road, Bournville. Bailey faces two charges of raping a 15-year-old boy and Lowe is accused of a single count of child rape, all alleged to have happened in 2010. Peter Joynes, aged 58, of Canberra Way, High-

Bricks nicked from pathway



Gary Brookes, with bricks left behind by the thief

a footpath at a Quarry Bank

Homeowner Gary Brookes, aged 53, discovered the theft as he put out his bins.

bins.
The 'Brick Nicker' ripped up more than 200 historic bricks from the footpath at the side of his property, off New Street.

"The whole thing has been bizarre," he said. "It is the cheek of it really - I couldn't believe it."

Just fragments of some of the 200 bricks are left scat-

tered with weeds and mud showing where the narrow pathway once was.

Mr Brookes believes the

bricks may have been stolen bricks may have been stolen to order as they were manufactured by a firm with significant local heritage, Mobberley & Perry of Stourbridge.

He said: "The insurance guy did his report and gave his opinion that he thought the bricks had been stolen

the bricks had been stolen to order. He said they were expensive bricks and quite irreplaceable."

The bricks were taken

from Mr Brookes' home either overnight on July 31 or while he was at work the following day.

Concept

flooding

A BURST water main caused major flooding to a number of homes on a road in Rowlev Regis.

Firefighters from Haden Firefighters from Haden Cross, Oldbury and Smeth-wick were called to Throne Road, Rowley Regis just be-fore 7am on Sunday follow-ing a 999 call by a resident. The burst water main caused floods of water to rise

on the road stretching about three foot deep and it af-fected at least three homes.

fected at least three homes.
Engineers from South
Staffs Water were working
to repair the broken underground pipe on the road
throughout the day.
Resident Pauline Terry,
76, whose home was left
flooded following the incident said it had left her
deeply upset.
"I came downstairs an
saw the floorboards were
about one foot deep of water
going through to my conservatory – I couldn't believe it," she said.
"The shed in my back garden has also been flooded.

den has also been flooded.
"I'm really upset, my husband is ill and it is not what

band is in any is a base.

I need."

Another Throne Road resident, who did not wish to be named, said: "Luckly we we were not affected but I feel sorry for those who were."

**Line Davilies* watch

Justin Bayliss, watch commander at Haden Cross Fire Station, said: "The burst water main has lifted the pavement on the road and gone into homes and back gardens. It was quite an unusual call out for us."

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VULNERABLE fencing around a dangerous quarry needs to be fixed to convince youngsters not to break in, according to a worried Rowley Regis resident.

Bosses at Edwin Richards Quarry released a warning to youngsters of the dangers of the site, with security patrols stepped up to deter

youths from trespassing. But John Hadley, 76, who sits on a quarry liaison committee made up residents and councillors, said the fence surrounding the site needed to be fixed to stop youngsters accessing it. Mr Hadley, of Springfield, said: "I'm writed that the fence has been like this for years. They're clearly going to have to do something about it." Quarry management warned that rocks lie beneath the surface and someone could easily be killed. Fears youngsters were heading to the quarry from the surface and someone could easily be killed. Fears youngsters were heading to the quarry

A FORMER snooker club with a 'dark

A FORMER snooker club with a 'dark history' that closed after a string of concerns including violence and alleged drug-taking could reopen to host boxing and wrestling.

The On Cue Snooker Club, in Cradley Heath, had its licence taken away following concerns. Sandwell Council's licensing panel members claimed the venue has been onen out of hours.

cu's incensing panei members claimed the venue has been open out of hours and 'run in a manner that promoted violence and disorder.'

Now, under proposals put to the council, the Halesowen Road venue will be run by a new operator and called Georges Snooker and Sports Bar.

Residents and ward councillors have met with the prospective opera-tors to raise concerns they had about

the venue previously.
Ward councillor Julie Webb said they were reassured after speaking to the new operators.

youngsters were heading to the quarry to take part in the craze of tombston-ing – leaping from a cliff or other high point into water – were also raised.

Improvements

The land has been earmarked for a housing development, with work due to start next year. The firm behind the proposals says it is taking action to se-

cure the 100,000 sq ft site.
Councillor Maria Crompton, who
also sits on the committee, reiterated
calls for improvements to the fence.
She said: "It's a big site and I'm sure

She said: "It's a big site and I'm sure it's difficult to maintain the fence, but

it's difficult to maintain the fence, but it's the quarry's responsibility to do it. "If people are really determined they will break through a fence anyway, but generally I think young people are less likely to try to get through if the fence is good."

is good."

The company refused to provide an updated comment, but have stepped up patrols at the site.



John Hadley, of Rowley Regis, at the damaged fencing that is meant keep people out of the quarry site

Fewer strays 5 collared on the streets

those rescued are being returned to their owners

their owners.

From April to June this year, the council's stray dog collection service picked up 57 animals compared to 99 in the same period the previous year. Of the 57 strays, 32 were claimed by their owners, with only 26 of those found being microchipped. The previous year 45 of the 99 strays were claimed by owners.

In 2014-15, 355 dogs were collected compared to 522 the previous year and 562 in 2012-13.

Councillor Rachel Harris, said:

Councillor Rachel Harris, said: "It is great to see such a drop in the number of stray dogs across Dudley. We have regular sessions to promote responsible dog ownership which is having a big impact.

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"Owners have a responsibility to
ensure their dogs are well looked
after and do not cause a nuisance to
the public and other pet owners.
"Dogs must wear a collar and identity disc with name, address and telephone number so that they can be
reunited with their owner if lost."

Enund deer ser taken to a ken

Found dogs are taken to a kennels in Stoke. If they are not claimed within seven days they are put up for

Bank branch closure announced by bosses

BARCLAYS is to close its branch in Halesowen Road, Old Hill, in Novem-

ber.
The bank has already revealed plans to close sites in Lower Gornal and Hagley. Bosses cite a fall in cus-tomers and the fact there are other branches nearby.

Barclays Community leader Raj Dhaliwal said: "At the Old Hill branch,



IN MY VIEW

Another fine name with Stan and Olly

WHO would have thought it? Far from being the bumbling, slapstick figures of fun portrayed in their films, they were also trendsetters, way ahead of their time. According to the Office of National Statistics, Oliver and Stanley are among

Statistics, Oliver and Stanley are among the most popular names for boys today, with Elsie and lvy making a comeback for girls. Now I knew Oliver had been popular for a while, but I thought the others had died out long ago.

Seth, popularised by the old rogue in Emmerdale Farm, also makes the top 100, as does Finlay, the doctor with the rather large casebook. And who, a few years ago, would have thought Austin, Albert and Frederick would be the monikers of choice for trendy parents?

bert and Frederick would be the monthers of choice for trendy parents?

Strangest of all, though, is that the biggest gainers are Ellis and Jackson, which make the top 100 for the first time in history. Look, I'm know I'm not terribly well up in these things, but aren't they supposed to be surnames? posed to be surnames?

NOBODY goes to hospital if they can

NOBODY goes to hospital if they can avoid it. As fun destinations go, the average hospital ward ranks some way below Blackpool during the stag party season and the dole office on a Monday morning. People have to visit shospitals either because they are unwell themselves, or to visit sick loved ones. Yet despite this, or maybe because of it, hospitals in the Black Country are charging visitors up to \$2.60 an hour to use their car parks. Imagine you have a seriously ill relative, and spend three-to-four hours a day visiting them. Isn't that traumatic enough, without paying more than \$250 a week for the privilege? And then, of course, you will be charged for an extra hour because of the absurd queue at the paypoint when visiting time finishes. This is exactly what a man queuing at the pay station told me was having to do while his wife was in hospital.

in nospital.

It is outrageous enough that councils charge shoppers to use the car parks we already own, but at least we can take our custom elsewhere. Hospitals, though, have a captive market, and they know it.

STAYING on the subject, Dudley town centre traders have hit out at the £6.5 milcentre traders nave nit out at the £b.5 mil-lion revamp of the market place, saying the money would have been better spend providing car parking. And in matters completely unconnected, Rex Johnson the jeweller is leaving town after more than 40 years. Meanwhile in Wolverhampton, E Marsh

relativities to the has moved out of the city centre after more than a century because of the pedestrianisation frenzy gripping the city. Still what do they know? They're only traders, and they haven't yet bought into the local government vision of vast hordes flocking to our shop-free towns to admire the block paving.



Family members Clarence Taylor the first son to be born, Kenneth Taylor, son-in-law Ray Green and John Taylor



Nadeen Taylor and Jayelle, eight months, Kayla Lomas and Jasmine, eight months, Duwane Taylor and Israel, eight months, Marlone Taylor and Lucas, eight months, Stefan McFarquhar and Zayah, five months and Micel Barrett with Kenzo, eight months

Cynthia sits at head of a family of 153

have certainly made their mark on the world, writes DEBORAH HARDIMAN.

Together, they have created a family of 153 members – 13 children, 65 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchil-dren.



Burchell Taylor
belonging to the Mander Centre owners who soon became a landlord in his own right. He

soon became a landlord in his own right. He also sent for Cynthia, who he had left back home with their seven eldest children. She arrived in 1955 with the youngsters and they went on to have six more.

All together, the couple had Clarence, now 74, Kenneth, 72, Madge, 70, Claudette, 68, Gloria, 65, John, 64, Adrian, 62, Joy, 59, Clive, 58, Carlton, 56, and twins Byron and Dennis, 52. Another son, Glen died in infancy.

The Taylors also branched out to set up the haulage business, BL Taylor and Sons and the Caribbean Express coach firm that ran trips to

Caribbean Express coach firm that ran trips to

Caribbean Express coach firm that ran trips to places such as Blackpool and Skegness. The businesses were in Upper Villiers Street, Blakenhall, where they were also the landlords of six houses. They had a home in Himley Road, Dudley, which Sir Lenny Hen-



But that is not their only legacy. They are legendary in Wolverhampton for helping families from Jamaica settle in

from Jamaica settle in the city, find new homes and thrive.

The couple were known for providing housing for new arrivals at a time when many landlords put up signs saying No blacks, No dogs, No Irish.

They met and married in Jamaica before Burchell followed his dream of a better life and moved here in 1954.

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by her huge family at a gathering at Bilston's Hickman Park. More than 100 relatives attended, with some meeting their cousins, aunts and uncles for the first time.

Across the five generations, the family has

Across the five generations, the family has at least six nurses, three solicitors, along with builders, electricians, musicians, writers, actors and businessmen and women.

In addition to raising her children, Mrs Taylor, now of Greenly, Road, Parkfields, held down jobs as a care home cook and also as a lock worker at Yale in Willenhall.

She said: "It is lovely to see all of my children and some of my grandchildren together in the same place at the same time. I'm having a good time."

Cynthia Taylor at the front of this family get-together in Hickman Park

's parents once rented. Mr Taylor died in 2006 aged 86 in Florida, where he was setting up another property venture.

Mrs Taylor, who is now 94, was honoured

Byron, a solicitor, of Penshore Close, Pendeford, added: "Dad ran his businesses from our home. Life was hectic and challenging, as can be expected with a large family to look after.

"He ran the Caribbean Express, which was a 52-seater coach, until the 1980s. He was also a sub contractor for other coach firms such as Don Everall. He also bought property in Florida. He was very enterprising."

Son Kenneth, a retired mechanic, who now lives in London, added: "I came over in 1961 and I used to go around with dad doing building work. He was a jack of all trades and a

hard worker.

"He had some tipper lorries and I used to drive one of them. He had contracts with companies like McAlpine and we used to deliver materials used for building the M6 motorway."
Son Clarence, a father of 10, of Fowler
Street, Blakenhall, said they were a loving

family that held traditional values. "My mum and dad were very loving parents," he said. "They taught us the meaning of love and respect. Mom is a practising Christian and goes to the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Oxford Street." ford Street.

The celebration saw the Taylors take part in a photoshoot in the park followed by a meal at Wolverhampton Sickle Cell Care, where daughter Claudette is the centre director.

Gaugnter Claudette is the centre director.
Granddaughter Annobelle Taylor, 23, an
administrator, of Clark Road, Compton, says:
"There are no words to describe today. It's
just been amazing to meet up with everyone.
Granny is also here. Days like this are brilliant".

Celebration organiser, son Dennis, of Goldthorn Crescent, Goldthorn Park, con-cluded: "Our family has come a long waysince the early days here."



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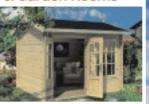
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Time to let go of the Hippodrome dream I AM becoming increasingly irritated dead, and that is what it was in its hey. I should imagine that most have gone

would have now been designated as a pretty well much relied on the public listed building. Variety theatres are in their catchment area for revenue,

I AM becoming increasingly irritated by letters talking about re-opening the Dudley Hippodrome.

G Oakley is the latest to air his views. Not surprisingly, not a whisper from him as to who should foot the bill to renovate it. It appears that maybe private investors or an entrepreneurs are pretty thin on the ground.

It is an awful looking building, and shoddy, and its design is something rather like a young child would draw. If it had any architectural merit it would have now been designated as a pretty well much relied on the public is the same time each year.

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J B WALDRON
Stourbridge

on forces' resources

SO, we now have fewer police officers on the street, thousands of PCSOs are to go. Police are not attending burglaries, and to cover for the lack of officers there has been an increase in overtime payments and police stations closed. Now a chief officer is tell-

now a their officer is telling us to e-mail evidence to the police so that they do not have to attend.

However what they are doing is sending West Midlands Police officers to Spain and noted in full uniform

and patrol in full uniform alongside the local police. This we are told is to as-sist with British victims, witnesses and offenders and

witnesses and offenders and to help them with respecting local laws and customs.

I think someone should wake up and smell the coffee. I have news for this government; we can't get our own locals to respect local laws and customs! So I don't believe a true week icely to believe a two week jolly to Spain will make not one jot

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A-bombs dropped

needlessly for war

LET'S not forget it was the Europeans that started WW2
and not the Japanese people.

Seventy years ago an American B-29 bomber dropped
'little boy' – the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, though
less than 10 feet long and less than 10,000 pounds in
weight in less than one minute 80,000 people instantly died
and another 70,000 hideously injured and despite the sheer
horror of what they had done, the Americans still dropped
a second atomic bomb called 'Fat Boy' on Nagasaki only
three days later killing another 70,000 people.

The Americans had already mass conventionally bombed
the people of Tokyo and other parts of Japan and invented

The Americans had already mass conventionally bombed the people of Tokyo and other parts of Japan and invented napalm, even though the European countries that caused the war in the first place had stopped fighting each other leaving an estimated 1,400,000 people dead and thousands of other generations suffering the physical effects of A-bomb radiation for a war that ended before they were even born. The only unanswered question is, if the Japanese had not surrendered to the apocalypse and devastation of the first two A-bombs, how many more A-bombs were the Americans prepared to drop on the Japanese people?

GEFANTHOM

Swindon

aunty who ran Swans

WITH regards to your arti-WITH regards to your article "Town's History", which featured on Monday August 10, and referred to the bomb explosion in 1940 opposite "Top Church", it was my auntie who kept the pub which was mentioned – The Three Swans.

I wrote to Carl Chinn to ask if he could find anything about it.

about it.

His reply was he couldn't find any record of it, but my letter was printed in the Ex-press & Star.

press & Star.

I was just nine years old when this happened.

Also I would like to say that in August 1915 my grandfather was killed in Turkey during fighting in the Great War.

His name – Joseph Coates

is carved in stone under the sleat tower it he sleat tower i

the clock tower in the coun-

cil building in Dudley.

I used to go and visit, but now gates are locked.

He received a commen-dation from Buckingham

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Welcome Guest for housing scheme



Dudley Guest Hospital - some buildings will be retained as part of housing development

MORE than 150 homes will be built on the site of a former hospital in Dudley, after plans were given the green light.

Proposals for the old Guest Hospital site in Tipton Road were unanimously approved at a meeting of Dudley Coun-cil's development control committee.

A massive noise-reducing 'bund' embankment, covering one-fifth of the site will be constructed to block noise from the neighbouring Thomas Dud-ley Ltd Foundry.

Two historic buildings from the old hospital — the administration block and the porter's lodge — will be retained and converted into homes as

part of the plan. The remainder will be demolished to make way for houses and flats.

Plans have been in the pipeline for almost four years with negotiations between developers Wates Living Space and Dudley Council over the number of homes.

The council's public protection manager Tim Glews said: "It's been a long, hard battle to get to this stage."

Concerns were raised by Thomas Dudley that future residents could complain about noise, resulting in the bund to reduce the noise.

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the foundry, which has been operating for nearly a century.

Councillor Colin Elcock said: "We need to do everything in our power to protect this factory as it provides hun-dreds of jobs in this area."

He praised the plans, adding: "The site is very well set out, it's been beautifully planned.

"They're also looking after the old site, which is good as Guest Hospital is a really iconic site."

The Victorian hospital closed more than a decade ago after most departments moved to Russells Hall Hospital.



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Kingswinford TWG

KINGSWINFORD Towns women's guild met on August 10 in the community centre following apologies for absence, a quick resume was given on the progress of sick members.

The minutes of the pre-

vious meeting were read, agreed and signed. The agreed and signed. The treasurer gave her report and reminded members of the benefits to the guild of Gift Aid.

Joyce Robins read the fed-

oyce Robins read the led-eration report. It was agreed by all who had attended the Annual Lunch at Vesuvio that it was a very enjoya-ble occasion. Members were told that the 11 tickets for told that the 11 tickets for the Federation Harvest Luncheon were paid for, but if anyone else wished to at-tend it is possible that there are still places available.

of Townswomen has suc-cessfully formed a new guild which will be known as Gor-

nal Wood Morning Guild.

The first meeting is at the Darby and Joan Club in Gornal which is next to the Cornal which is leak to the Library. This meeting will be on September 16 commencing at 10am Further meetings will continue on the third Wednesday of the following months.

A number of ladies have the finest the control of the cont

A number of ladies have already shown a lot of inter-est and would like to invite any other interested ladies to come along and join them at the first meeting.

Everyone's a winner in pairs competition



Pairs winners Gordon Grosvenor and Anthony Lane with their trophies

THE winners of this years Sedgley Bridge Club Pairs Cup competition Gordon Grosvenor and Anthony Lane are pictured

Grosvenor and Anthony Lane are pictured with their trophies.

The friendly competition was played on Thursday, August 6, at Sedgley & District Community Association and invites any member of the S&DCA.

This year saw players from both of the other bridge groups who meet at the Community Centre taking part. It ended with all competitors as winners as a cream tea was had by all thanks to William's Coffee House Sedgley. New members and guest

Sedgley Bridge Club

are always welcome to Wednesday Group for Rubber Bridge sessions, Friday Group for Rubber Bridge sessions, Friday Group that teach the basics of the game and help to teach enough to play social bridge and the Thursday Group for duplicate, group sessions are played from 1 or 1.30 to 4pm aproximately at a cost £1, Wednesday and Friday and £1.50 for Thursday.

For more details contact Stanley on 01902 561908 or Keith on 01902 671728.

Formby fun with ukulele lady

THE guild business, various notices and federation ous notices and federation report were completed and chairman, Mrs Ursula McInnes welcomed everyone and introduced the entertainment for the evening, Gabrielle Lady. We were treated to a world tour of songs from her on a selection of ukuleles and she finished the tour

with a medley of George Formby tunes with every-

one joining in.

The gardening group visited the Wodehouse at Wombourne where we had coffee

and a guided tour.
Social studies evening
was a strawberry supper.

Penn Poets entertained with poems, some of which were their own and very and amusing. Future Dates: September

Future Dates: September 9, 'Staffordshire Privies' – Mr. A. Poulton-Smith; Sep 23, 'Zimbabwe Safari' – Mike Wilkes Meetings are held at Pen United Community Hall, Penn Road at 7.15 pm.



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Between December 2009 and February 2011, the group duped unsuspecting customers to rake in almost £300,000 between them. At a Proceeds of Crime hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court, sitting at

Stafford, the gang was given three months to pay back what can be retrieved from their assets totalling just over £113,500 - almost £60,000 in the form of compensation to victims with the rest through confiscation orders. taken from train station

way station.

The blue mountain bike had been

The blue mountain bike had been locked to the cycle rack on platform one. The thief cut through the lock cable and made off with the bike at around 3.30pm on July 7.

British Transport Police now released a CCTV image of the man they want to speak to. PC Alex Beasley said: "The bike, a blue mountain bike worth £200, had been locked to the cycle rack on platform one. Shortly before 3.30pm a man approached the bike and cut through the cable using a pair of pliers.

"Following a number of enquiries we have managed to isolate the image

we have managed to isolate the image of a man we believe may have information about the theft."

Anyone with information is asked to call British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40 or ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, quoting log MSUB/ B14 of 12/8/15.

CD dedicated to inspirational brother



Billy Spakemon, aka Brian Dakin, who has created his ninth CD, dedicated to his late brother Gary

FOUNDER of the Black Country Day festival has re-leased a CD dedicated to his brother who died suddenly of a heart attack.

Brian Dakin – better known Brian Dakin – better known as poet, author and broad-caster Billy Spakemon – was stunned when he heard of his brother Gary's death on his 58th birthday in June. De-

Before

spite battling myeloma for five years, Gary's death was not connected to the disease but the result of a sudden heart attack while training at the gym.

think being the middle two brothers of four we were very close in terms of what we did. The 63-year-old's latest CD is his ninth in two years and

As a tribute to his 'inspira-tional' brother, Brian has put pen to paper for the album titled "E Wuss More Than A Mon I'll Ever Be'.

Brian, of Oldbury, said: "I

The 63-year-old's latest CD is his ninth in two years and was recorded in Wednesbury.

Brian will perform at the Barlow Theatre, Langley, on September 26. For tickets, or to enquire about the CD, call 07514 824845.



Driver is hurt as car flips over in crash

A MAN was seriously injured after his car rolled several times in a crash in Oldbury – smashing through a sign and hitting a lamp post.

The car came to a rest on its side in Dudley Road East at around 11.25pm on Sunday.

Fire crews worked with parametics

on Sunday.

Fire crews worked with paramedics to free the man, in his 20s, from the vehicle.

He suffered a cut to his face, a thigh

He suffered a cut to ms tace, a ungawound, a suspected broken ankle and suspected spinal injuries.

Ten firefighters from Oldbury and Tipton stations used hydraulic cutting equipment to cut the man free.

Spinal

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Chris Kowalik said: "The car reportedly cartwheeled several times before coming to rest on its side. "The driver was removed from the car with the use of a long spinal board before being transferred to a scoop stretcher." stretcher.

stretcher.

"He was fully immobilised, given an anti-haemorrhage drug and was taken on blue lights to Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham."

West Midlands Fire Service spokes-

man Matthew Smith added the car

had hit a lamp post in the crash.

Debris was scattered across the road. The cause of the accident is un-

Raising glass to pub of the summer title

A HALESOWEN real ale pub has won

a seasonal competition.

The Stourbridge and Halesowen branch of Camra voted The Swan in Long Lane as summer pub of the season. A certificate was presented to landlord Jonny Mather.

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try Ales chain and was earmarked to become a small supermarket before the company stepped in to buy, and restore and re-open it last year.

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AN MIT IS CRIMING People to apply for work placements and training at Westminster.

Ian Austin, who represents Dudley North, is taking part in this year's Speaker's Parliamentary Placement Scheme.

The project gives people from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to work for nine months alongside MPs in Parliament.

Mr Austin will be one of the MPs who will open his office to one of the placements. The scheme offers a London Living Wage

to 10 successful applicants, who otherwise might not be able to afford to take work ex-

perience in Westminster.

It aims to make access to Parliament more representative of the UK population as a whole and previously successful applicants include single parents and part-time

Open to people of all ages, backgrounds and locations, applications need to be submitted by midday on August 21.

Chance to work in Westminster Lenny's script a little too close to home for his sister

Sir Lenny Henry said opening up about his childhood for a drama was so raw that even his sister will not read the

The Comic Relief funnyman stars in and wrote BBC drama, Danny And The Human Zoo, a 'fantasy memoir' of his life as a talented teenager in 1970s Dud-

ley.
"Because a lot of people in my family are alive, if I'd written it exactly the way my life had been, I would have an-

noyed a lot of people," the actor said.
"It's a bit like a parallel universe
Lenny. My sister still won't read it because she thinks it's too rude."
Sir Lenny, 56, portrays Samson
Fearon in the one-off drama, which
stars newcomer Kascion Franklin as
aspiring impressionist Panny and Coaspiring impressionist Danny and Cecilia Noble as his mother Myrtle. His comments come as the BBC revealed scores of lucky residents from Dudley will get the chance to attend a red car-

will get the chance to attend a red car-pet screening of the new drama in the town this week. Sir Lenny said: "The storyline with my mum and dad is based on the truth. I didn't want to write it in a

mum and dad in every interview I do. The dad I talk about is the person that raised me. I wanted something that was truthful about the way we grew up and our family. It wasn't like it was a big deal or anything. I'm glad I have written about it and it was about time."

time."
Sir Lenny – who has openly spoken about his estranged relationship with his father, who died when he was 19 – said it has been 'great' imagining alternate scenarios."
A preview of Danny and the Human Zoo takes place at the Showcase Cincurate Carlegote to highly (Thursday)

ema, Castlegate, tonight (Thursday).



Sir Lenny Henry, aged 56

Fruity ale going 11 down a treat

A STOURBRIDGE ale has proved a hit with customers after more than 40,000 bottles were sold by Aldi stores in just three months.

The discount supermarket has an exclusive deal with Sadler's Brewery, Stour-

hidge to stock its Boris Citrov ale.

Aldi shoppers have snapped up the pale golden brew which is made with American and English hops combined with buckets of real orange marmalade and orange peel to give it a sweet taste.

The name of the ale is based on a fic-

The name of the ale is based on a ne-tional Russian boxer created by the firm. Ian King at Sadler's Brewery said: "Our Boris Citrov marmalade ale is one of our most popular brews thanks to its zesty and refreshing flavour. "We're absolutely thrilled to be quench-ing the thirst of Aldi shoppers in the Mid-lands – the ale has gone down a storm."

Ex-Villa player joins the college team



Former Villa player Andy Comyn takes on a new role

A FORMER Aston Villa and Albion defender has a new role at Dudley College.

Andy Comyn – who started out in Manchester United's youth team – has signed to the college as its new vice-principal for financial strategy and control.

The 47-year-old started his career in professional football with Villa after completing a physics degree at Birmingham University University.

University.

He also enjoyed spells at Derby County, Plymouth Argyle and Albion, but studied a book-keeping course during his playing days to ensure there was life after football.

playing days to ensure there was life after footbal. Albion offered him a contract in 1996, but he instead moved to Hednesford Town – where he was able to balance playing football and working as an accountant in Walsall. In addition to his career in finance, Mr Comyn has also enjoyed a five-year spell as a governor at Halesowen Col-

lege.

He said: "It's great to be here and part of such an ambitious, dynamic forward-thinking organisation.

Mr Comyn replaces Gary Turton.

Taxi bosses trained to spot child abuse

TAXI operators in Dudley will be made to attend training sessions in a bid to help drivers spot signs of child sexual

sessions in a bid to neip drivers spot signs of child exploitation.

Didley Council said it had made the move in the wake of the Rotherham child sex scandal.

Under the changes, base operators will need to have attended sessions before they can receive a private hire li-

cence.

Operators will be told how to spot the signs that a child may be in danger and how to report it. They will then be told to pass the information on to their drivers.

Councillor Richard Body, chairman of the taxis committee, said: "Child sexual exploitation is a horrendous crime and it is important we all know how we can help protect children and young people by being able to spot the signs. "By the nature of their work, taxi drivers can play a vital role in spotting and reporting suspicious behaviour."





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Hammer gang jailed after pub fruit machine raids net £30k

ARMED raiders who stole £30,000 by smashing fruit machines with a lump hammer at more than 30 pubs, have been iailed.

Noel Lacey and Adam Power had tried to give police the slip by moving south, Birmingham Crown Court was told. The court heard the gang were in and out within two minutes and were caught when they

gang were in and out within two minutes and were caught when they rammed a blockade of unmarked police cars in their hired BMW. Notice served for removal for removal of travellers They stole £1,000. On January 26, they stole £2,000 from fruit machines at the Unicorn in Alspath Lane, Coventry. They targeted pubs across Dudley, Sandwell and Birmingham including The Hunting Tree, Alexandra Road, Halesowen, The Glassworks, Audham Road, Stourbridge and The Pheasant Inn, Abbey Road, Smethwick.

TRAVELLERS who moved on to land in Rowley Regis have been served with an official notice to move on.

Nine caravans pitched up on land off Angela Avenue and were joined by six more as residents complained about the length of time it had taken

about the length of third in at taken to have them removed.

Police tried to stop more caravans getting through by parking a van across the entrance to the road, but their efforts proved to be fruitless as the new arrivals simply mounted the parameter and drawe round.

the new arrivars simply mounted the pavement and drove round.

Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper insisted the authority had done everything it could to shift the travellers as quickly as possible.

He said: "We have now got the court order to shift them. I know it's

frustrating for people but if we don't follow the process properly the courts will throw it out."

He said he would be meeting with police as a more robust plan was needed to deal with the issue.

Black Country quilt goes on show



Police say Lacey, aged 40, and Power, 38, moved further afield to avoid detection. But, after scouring hours of CCTV, West Midlands Police were waiting for them as they pulled onto the car park of The Man in the Moon, Harrow, Essex, on April 1.

The BMW hire car had false plates, while two holdalls containing pound coins and two lump hammers were found in the boot. A stash of fruit machine takings were found in a search of Power's home.

Lacey, from Sibdon Grove, West Heath, and Power of Crychan Close, Hawksley, both Birmingham, admitted conspiracy to burgle and a charge of robbery at the Royal Hop Pole pub, Tewkesbury.

They were jailed for seven-and-ahalf and six-and-a-half years, respectively. Accomplice Wayne Hawklins, 20, from Hollybank Road in Billesley, Birmingham, admitted roles in four raids and was sialled for three years. Viv Webb of Dudley Adult and Community Learning Services and Artspace secretary Pat Cobern admire the quilt

A COMMUNITY quilt celebrating the heritage and culture of the Black Country has been created and is on display in Dudley.

The quilt was an eight-week project by adult learners at Artspace in Dudley and features the town's coat of arms as well as a crown, flowers, chains, flames and the slogan 'unity and progress'. and progress'.

It is currently on display at Dudley

Archives and Local History Centre on Tipton Road.

Pat Cobern, Artspace secretary, said: "We were thinking that with the Black Country Day being so popular, it would be a nice idea for us to get to gether for a couple of hours a week to produce a community quilt that celebrates our heritage.

"It turned into a real social event."

"It turned into a real social event with people coming together to sew,

chat and make friends. Everybody really enjoyed doing it."

The project was funded by Cad-bury's in Birmingham, which gave Artspace £500.

The quilt was finally pieced together by Artspace artist Elena Thomas. The quilt will be on show in the archives centre until September, before travelling to Stourbridge, Brierley Hill and Halesowen.

Howells on the move after a record vear

GROWING Cradley Heath roof lights and canopies specialists Howells Patent Glazing is on the move.

The family-run company, formed in 1973, has just had its second successive record breaking year and is now looking for bigger premises.

The firm, which has recently completed a project for Leeds City College, enjoyed the best trading year in its history, topping last year's £2.5 million record lion record.

Marketing manager Tracey Jackson said 2015 was significant for the com-pany, currently based at Triton Works in Woods Lane, as it had made the de-cision to move into a larger premises

"A new premises will need to be larger than what we currently have," she said. "We are now working at capacity and employing new staff, so we need something which we can grow into again."

The company is looking for a premises that are at least 50 per cent bigger than their current 18,000 sq ft but has committed to remaining around the Cradley Heath area.

The move will also enable Howells to create new job opportunities.

Howells has already found a new apprentice to be placed in its welding department and is now looking for a new patent glazing fixing team of at least two people.

Increase in car thefts sees patrols on rise

AN increase in the number of thefts of cars and vehicles has prompted a police response. Extra patrols have been introduced.

been introduced.
Officers from the Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood neighbourhood team say there has been a rise but will not give a figure. Sgt Liz Benson said: "Officers will be targeting the areas where these thefts have taken place and offering crime prevention advice along with plain clothed operations."

ALEVELS

Birmingham, admitted roles in for raids and was jailed for three years

admitted roles in four

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Keenia Dyer-Williams - AAA - English Language and Literature, Art and Design, Media Studies - now going to study English with Creative Writing at Birmingham University.

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Recalling days of Operation Pied Piper

MEMORY LANE

VIVID news film of the conflicts in Spain, Abyssinia and China of the mid-1930s onwards brought home to the British people the awfulness of modern warfare.

Mostly because it not only affected those in the Armed Forces, but it also devastated the lives of countless numbers of civilians.

Distressing footage showed the panic of old men, women and children as they fled air raids and the onslaughts of enemy troops. It made plain the gruesome injuries, maimings and corpses. And it revealed clearly the havoc, desola-

tion and inhumanity of war.
The effects of aerial bombing in particular affected the considerations of the British government. As early as 1935, when appeasement was pursued



Children among London evacuees who arrived in Wolverhampton on July 11, 1944. The Express & Star said they 'crooned all the way'

resisted, procedures were put in place for training experts to co-ordinate ci-vilian responses if war broke out and there were raids on Britain's cities.

Accordingly, organised evacuation was a major feature of wartime preparations. On September 1, 1939, two

vigorously and rearmament was still days before war was declared, national and local plans were put into operation in Operation Pied Piper. It was the biggest movement of people in the his-tory of Britain. Those who went away

did so with their schools, and around

100,000 teachers were involved, acting

as guardians for their pupils. Some of

these were as young as five. In later evacuations, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton and Smethwick were places to which London evacuees were sent.

Among those involved was the family of Des Stokes, who asks: "Since 1946 from time to time I have tried to locate the three children who stayed with my family. There was a boy named Cornelius and his two sisters, Pamela and Patricia, all from Croydon. Surrey. I never gave up hope of Pameia and Patricia, all from Croydon, Surrey. I never gave up hope of finding them and recently our search was rewarded, all due to my youngest grand-daughter Poppy, aged seven.

"The school that she attends in St Albans in Hertfordshire gave her a book to read about the Second World War. My daughter suggested that

book to read about the Second World War. My daughter suggested that Poppy should contact me because I had experienced what it was like during the air raids. Poppy was communicating with me via an iPad. Whilst I was talking to my granddaughter, I was interrupted by my own daughter, who suddenly said 'He is still alive!'. 'Who?', I said, and she read out details of a man named Cornelius.

"She had been using her computer and his name was followed by his ad-

dress and contact number. I made a note of this and next day phoned the number, which was answered immediately. We had a good chat and it was revealed that this was one of the evac-uees, and both of his sisters were still

"He also gave me the telephone number of Pamela, who was overjoyed to hear from me when I phoned her, as she too had been trying to find us to

as she too had been trying to find us to say thank you for caring for them all during their stay as evacuees. "We hoped that we could meet them soon. After 70 years, we had a lot to talk about, and it all started with my seven-year-old grand-daughter and her question about evacuees. We finally contacted one of the evacuees on March 3, 2015 and a date was fixed for her to visit us on April 21. Between the two dates I had tried to find out any details of the dates that evacuees any details of the dates that evacuees had arrived in Smethwick, also which school they had attended. I tried the Archives in Smethwick and Sandwell and 'Smethwick Heritage' magazine, all to no avail. It was looking as if there was no such thing as evacuees in Smethwick."

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"She had our phone number and contacted us the day after to say that my wife and myself together with the evacuee could visit the school on April 22. Whilst conducting this search, I was also looking into records on the evacuees' brother, who had spent eight months in the Hollies (also known as Coopers Lane Open Air School), but with no result at all.

"At long last the evacuee arrived on April 21 and next day we all went to Uplands School. On arrival the evacuee immediately recognised the school and proved that she had attended during her stay in Mansion Crescent.

"The guide showed us around and at the end produced documents for the evacuee and her sister which clearly

showed her date of birth, when they started and when they left.

"One of the classes intended to do a

project on the Second World War, and both my wife and I will be invited to sit in front to answer questions."

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Martyn Joseph



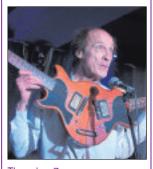
Thursday, 7pm Kate Fitzgerald's, Stourbridge Martyn Joseph has often been called "The Welsh Springsteen", but there are also shades of John Mayer, Bruce Cockburn and Dave Matthews in his music. A brilliant songwriter. Visit www.katiefitzgeralds.co.uk

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Fri, Sat, times vary Stafford Gatehouse This brand new show, packed with adventure, fun, music and audience participation, sees Tom take the stage in his first nationwide tour – be part of www.staffordgatehousetheatre.co.uk

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The Stray Birds Fri at 8pm, £10.50 - £13 Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653

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Residence Sun at 2pm - 4.30pm, Haden Hill House Museum, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, Call 01384 569444

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Animal Architecture Fri at 10am - 5pm, Sat at 10am -5pm, Mon at 10am - 5pm, Tue at 10am - 5pm, Wed at 10am - 5pm, Thu at 10am - 5pm, Free Wolverhampton Art Gallery, WV1 1DU. Call 01902 552055

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Wolverhampton Record Fair Sat at 10am - 3.30pm, £2 Wolverhampton Civic Hall, WV1 1RQ. Call 0870 320 7000

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Fun And Games Thu at 2pm - 5pm, Wednesbury Museum & Art Gallery, WS10 7DF. Call 0121 556 0683

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Returning heroes Kasabian are ready to rock the V stage at Weston Park for the 20 anniversary festival

THE V Festival is pulling out all the stops for its 20th year anniversary. More than 150,000 music lovers

will head to the festival's two sites at Staffordshire's Weston Park and Chelmsford's Highlands Park, where a host of musical heavyweights will be

a nost of indistant nearyweigns win occlebrating the festival's second decade in style this weekend.

Global platinum-selling artist Calvin Harris and popular festival rockers Kasabian are top of the bill.

The line-up also includes Sam Smith, Paloma Faith, Ellie Goulding, The Script, Hozier, George Ezra, Olly Murs, James Bay, Stereophonics, Clean Bandit, Sir Tom Jones, Nero, Jessie Ware, Sigma, and Ella Eyre. They will line up with a host of

other star names across four stages

The popular Glee Club Comedy Tent is returning with top acts in-cluding Russell Kane, Frankie Boyle, Seann Walsh and Matt Richardson.

The festival's northern site was originally in Leeds but moved to Weston Park, near Albrighton, in 1999 when Stereophonics also featured, alongside headlining fellow Welsh rockers Manic Street Preachers and soul legend James Brown.

Festival director Simon Moran

Festival director Simon Moran said: "It is incredible to think what V has achieved in two decades."
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All Shook Up over Elvis

NEW musical Love Me Tender was created by the producers of Hairspray, Jersey Boys and West Side Story and is a feelgood show featuring Elvis Presley's greatest hits.
Starring 1980s pop star Mica Paris and former EastEnder Shaun Williamson, the story is set in small town 1950s America, where a guitar-playing, hip-swivelling stranger rides in on his motorbike and gets the locals All Shook Up.
Is he The Devil in Disguise or could he be headed for Heartbreak Hotel, but for Natalie, the love-struck, tomboy mechanic, it really is Now or Never.
Packed with 25 of the best loved songs by The King himself, Love Me Tender, is a funny and moving tale of hope and the healing qualities of rock 'n' roll.
Mica Paris says: "It hink the thing I loved about Love Me Tender was the story. It's really clever. The story is not about Elvis, particularly. It's more of a comedy. It's all about young love, unrequited love and mature love.

"The story is what made me fall for it. Sylvia my character is so me, it's me with an American accent. It's almost like the people were thinking of me when they wrote it."

The music must also have been a draw?

"Oh yeah, for sure. It's packed with great songs. Elvis was a gospel guy in the beginning and it works for me. The minute I started singing the soundtrack, it sounded perfect. It felt great."

felt great."

Love Me Tender will be staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday, August 24 to 29.

Black Country rock band's debut ready

HOTLY-TIPPED Black Country rockers EofE have announced details of their first album.

The Dudley band will release their self titled debut on October 9 through Cream Records following a year of relentless touring.

The release comes off the back of the group's performance at Download Festival earlier this year and will feature all of their singles released to date.

EofE have toured with Glamour Of The Kill and supported McBusted at the LG Arena.

Fronted by singer Tom Harris,

Fronted by singer Tom Harris, the band's sound has been described as thunderous stadium rock with addictive pop melo-dies. For more information see www.eofe.com website.

Keep eyes open for The Fratellis

GLASWEGIAN trio The Fratel-

GLASWEGIAN trio The Fratellis, are back and heading to Birmingham's O2 Academy tonight (Thursday) to launch their new album Eyes Wide, Tongue Tied.

The band is looking forward to showcasing its latest material. Frontman Jon Fratelli said: "We had a record out two years ago, so it does not feel like we have been away that long. We are looking forward to going out and playing the songs."

Eyes Wide, Tongue Tied, the band's first since third studio album We Need Medicine in

band's first since third studio album We Need Medicine in 2013, was completed in two weeks with high energy tracks similar to hits Chelsea Dagger and Whistle For The Choir.

Bolan tribute born to boogie at Robin

NEXT month marks what would have been glam rock star Marc Bolan's 68th birthday, and also the 38th anniversary of his death in a car crash, aged 29.

The corkscrew-haired front-man of T Rex has become a 70s icon and the timeless quality of his good time boogie music con-

tinues to win new fans.
Tribute band T Rextasy, led by Bolan devotee Danielz, have now been gigging longer than the original T Rex. They return to the Black Country to play the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday, August 29.
Tickets cost £13 in advance or

£15 on the door. See www.ther obin.co.uk or call 01902 401211.



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Capital gain for families thanks to a range of great attractions

Matthew, 12, had never been to the 'big smoke', so when the opportunity arose to spend some quality time in Londinium, they were thrilled.

were thrilled.

Travelling by train is, in my opinion, the best option. Book online early and you can save a small fortune, reserving a seat in the process – an absolute must with regular trains from the likes of Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Shrewsbury and Telford. Catching the train at Wolverhampton, we arrived at Euston station within two hours and transferred to St James's Park Tube Station directly opposite our hotel – the stunning five-star Conrad London St James.

Sitting on the doorstep of Westminster, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace, not only

does it have a prime location, but also comes

does it have a prime location, but also comes with chic design and wonderful service.

Visitors can enjoy a distinctive, locally sourced selection of culinary delights at the Blue Boar restaurant. And then there is the elegant Emmeline's Lounge, ideal for after-

There is complimentary WiFi and Nes-presso machines in every room and, as we were executive floor guests, complimentary breakfast and other treats throughout the day. Rachel and Matthew had never seen

day. Racnei and Matthew nad never seen anything quite like it. In around five minutes, we had walked past Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, crossing Westminster Bridge with the London Eye prominent in view. The South Bank is vibrant, with tourists enjoying a bite to eat with a

radiuous vista. Many, like us, were there to see pre-booked attractions. First on the list, The London Dungeon. Even Matthew, who can be a little hesi-tant with such scary stuff, thought it was great fun. Rachel particularly enjoyed the 'public lynching' we endured at the end. A short walk and we were at our next venue. Sea Life London Aquarium is home to one of Europe's largest collections of marine life

from around the globe. New for 2015, Sea Dragon Kingdom has some of the ocean's most weird and wonder-ful fish and intrepid adventurers can follow a fun Lego-based trail with a free deep sea explorer activity pack, helping to find missing equipment hidden amongst the sharks, starfish and shoals of bright tropical fish.

Towards the end of the attraction, I en-

joyed the history of London unfolding in the new Thames Walk. Our final visit of the

London. Based on the popular Dreamworks animated characters from the Shrek movit combines a brilliant 4D bus ride/flight to the kingdom of Far, Far Away and a walk-

the kingdom of Far, Far Away and a walking tour of the fantasy land.

On returning to London from the fairytale kingdom, visitors can have photos with
Shrek and friends before exiting through a
shop laden with 'Shrektastic' goodies.

The summer evening allowed us plenty of
opportunity for further sightseeing, including a stop off at Nelson's Column and Buckingham Palace. We returned to the Conrad,
ready to take on our part day's fun outling ready to take on our next day's fun outing

ready to take on our next day's run outing to Madame Tussauds. I recommend going to London with your children and experience for yourself the range of great attractions. You might knock a few years off your own age in doing so.



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Bradley Walsh

Keep It in the Family (ITV. 7pm)

Bradley Walsh tries to keep a straight face as families from Warwickshire and Kent compete to win a selection of prizes, with the kids taking the lead as usual. The two clans will be attempting wacky challenges and donning daft outfits to win points, before deciding decide whether to swap a prize, drop it or keep it in the family. This week's cowering celebrities facing the dreaded trap door are six stars from The Only Way Is Essex, while the beloved Nanas return to explain common phrases and topics - in their own risque way. Plus, there are performances from a speed-painting artist, and a children's theatre group, who sing a popular number from Mary Poppins.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Live Athletics: World Championships. Live coverage of the opening day at the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing. 3.00 Equestrian: European Jumping Championships. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 Pointless Celebrities.

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6.00 BBC News.
6.10 Regional Programme.
6.20 Film: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. (2008) The globe-trotting archaeologist teams up with a rebellious teenager who draws him into a search in the Amazon nim into a search in the Amazon jungle for a mysterious artefact of untold power. But their quest is hindered by Soviet agents, who also want the fabled object for an altogether more sinister purpose. Action adventure sequel, updating the series to a 1950s Cold War setting, starring Harrison Ford.

The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. A UK family and heir long-lost overseas relatives must work together in order to wir a once-in-a-lifetime reunion in a five-star location. The overseas family must answer questions to win time for their relatives in the III ceturio. When will them 8.15 UK studio, who will then individually answer questions against the clock. Nick Knowles hosts. Includes the all-important

weekend draw.

9.10 Casuathy. Part one of two. Zoe visits Dylan and persuades him to get help for his OCD, and Lily desperately seeks her parents approval after being promoted to registra. Meanwhile, the team helps a father forgive his daughter after he discovers she gave her mother the pill that caused her untimply death. Elevahere a man. mother the pill that caused her untimely death. Elsewhere, a man lies to his girlfriend about an accident involving her seven year old son, but Ethan convinces him to come clean.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester United v Newcastle United and Crystal Palace v Aston Villas. National

Palace v Aston Villa; National

11.40 Rugby Union. France v England. 12.40 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.45 BBC News.

RRC2

6.00 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix — Practice One. (R) 7.55 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix — Practice Two. (R) 9.55 Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix — Practice Three. 11.05 Live Athletics: World Championships. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix — Qualifying. Coverage from the circuit de

Qualifying, Coverage from the Circuit de Spa-Francorhamps (Start-hamps) extreme heat in Africa unleashes

extreme neat in Arrica unleasnes terrifying hurricanes, all hell breaks loose across the region. Last in the series. (R) Proms Extra 2015. Katie Derham is joined by Chi-Chi Iwanoku and Roderick Williams to review Bach's solo violin works, Mahler's nith symphony and Danjeris ninth symphony and Daniel Barenboim's West-Eastern Divan

7.40 Edwardian Farm. The trio face their busiest period of the year as harvest arrives, but find time to relax with a day out at the seaside featuring musical entertainment and a Punch and Judy show. (R)

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8.40 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring
and Sergeant Wilson are trapped
in the bank vault with an
unexploded bomb. (R)

9.10 Julie Walters: A Life on Screen.
The actress chats about her career,
from her beginnings in theatre
through to her successes in TV
and film. With contributions by
Victoria Wood, Celia Imrie and
Hugh Bonneville. (R)

10.10 Film: Calendar Girls. (2003)

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Members of a Yorkshire branch of
the Women's Institute cause
controversy when they pose nude
for a charity calendar. Fact-based comedy drama, with Helen Mirren and Julie Walters.

and Julie Walters.

11.55 Film: Titanic Town. (1998) A
woman raising a family in 1970s
Belfast leads a campaign for an
end to violence after her friend is
accidentally killed. Fact-based drama, starring Julie Walters

1.30 Live Athletics: World

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.36 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.33 Dino Dan. (R)
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Super 4. (R) 7.45 Fish Hooks. 8.00
Young Justice: Invasion. (R) 8.25 ITV
News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, She
Wrote. (R) 10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)
11.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)
12.25 ITV News; Weather. 12.35 The
Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1.35 Tipping
Point. (R) 2.35 Celebrity Squares. (R)
3.20 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.15
Catchphrase. (R)
6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.10 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill

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6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates another selection of clips, including a girl who keeps raisins in her ears, seals with an attitude problem and how to destroy a shed using a single head-butt. (R)
7.00 Keep It in the Family. Bradley Walsh hosts the game show in which families from Warwickshire and Kent go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds. Six stars from The Only Way Is Essex face the drop as the teams decide whether to swap a prize, drop it or keep it in the family, and there are performances from a speedpainting artist and a children's theatre group, singing a favourite

painting arts and a children's theatre group, singing a favourite number from Mary Poppins. And of course, the Nanas are back.

8.00 The Saturday Night Story. Part two of two. Ant and Dec pay tribute to comedy duos and Debra Stephenson and Jon Culshaw areal their forwards. reveal their favourite impressionists. Plus, Blind Date

9.00 The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies. Fact-based feature-length drama, starring Jason Watkins. It's December 2010 and retired teacher Christopher es finds his life in Bristol turned upside down when the turned upside down when the police question him about the disappearance of his tenant Joanna Yeates. Her murder then becomes a major news story and the press selze upon Jefferies as a suspect, despite a lack of evidence — with destructive results. With Ben Caplan, Shaun Parkes, Nathalie Armin and Joe Sims. DITV News: Wasther.

11.00 ITV News; Weather. 11.15 The Chase. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Show Me the Telly. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.30 Cardiff Triathlon. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Frasiler. (R) 3.00 Frasiler. (R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.30 The Big Bang Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.30 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 The University Simpsons. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.00 Rude(ish) Tube.
1.30 Channel 4 Racing, Live coverage from York, Sandown Park and Chester.
4.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.45 Comp. Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.45 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.45 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. On the final day of the competition in southeast London it is part-time event east London it is part-time event organiser Ginas' turn to throw a dinner party. She rolls out an evening of fine dining inspired by her love of cookery courses, but her culinary prowess falls to make an impact on Vincenzo, as he reveals he already ate dinner at home due to his belief that women can't cook. (R)

Channel 4 News.

6.35 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Great Canal Journeys. Veteran actors and married couple actors and married couple Timothy West and Prunella Scales continue their journey and reach the Rochdale Canal – a waterway that was a main artery for the textile industry at the height of the industrial Revolution. They begin in Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, and head west through Mytholmroyd, before journeying up over the Pennines to the canal summit, more than 600ft above sea level.

8.00 Film: Battleship. (2012) A 8.00 Film: Battleship. (2012) A reckless slacker joins the Navy, hoping to win the respect of his girlffriend's father, a stern admiral. He and his shipmates are put to the ultimate test as part of a force of vessels that must battle an invading fleet of powerful alien spaceships. Sci-li adventure, starring Taylor Kitsch.

10.35 Film: Rush Hour 3. (2007) An assassination attempt sets

assassination attempt sets mismatched detectives Lee and Carter off on a mission to take on Triad gangs in Paris. Action comedy sequel, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.

chan and Chris Tucker.

12.20 The Last Leg. (R) 1.15 Hollyoaks.
(R) 3.20 Location, Location, Location.
(R) 4.15 Selling Houses with Amanda
Lamb. (R) 5.10 Kirstie's Vintage Gems.
(R) 5.30 Draw It! (R) 5.55 How I Met
Your Mother. (R)

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6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants. 10.35 Cowboy Builders SquarePants. 10.35 Cowboy Builders. (R) 11.30 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.30 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.5 Film: Columbo Blueprint for Murder. (1972) Crime drama, directed by and starring Peter Falk. 25 Film: Moscond World War drama, starring David McCallum. 4.45 Film: The Sea Wolves. (1980) Factbased Second World War dward war dweller. (1980) Factbased Second World War adventure, with Gregory Peck; 5 News Update. 7.00. Cricket on 5. Findiand Vastralia

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia.
Action from the third day of the series-concluding Fifth Test, which comes from the Oval. This has proven to be a good venue for the hosts over the years and their record here is quite exceptional and only two touring sides have left here with a victory in the last 10 years – those being Pakistan in 2010 and South Africa in 2012. If Australia are to emerge triumphar Australia are to energy drumphram they will definitely have to improve their performance with the bat, although they did show in the second Test at Lord's what they are capable of when scoring 566/8 declared in the first innings.

7.55 5 News Weekend. 5 News Weekend.

Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.
Paul and Steve discover a locked
wooden case when they are called
to evict tenants from a flat in
London's Docklands. Opening it
up, they realise they urgently need
police back-up—and the property
quickly becomes a crime scene.
Brian and Granm head to
Swindon Town FC to collect a debt,
while Paul's team arrives at a while Paul's team arrives at a property in Essex to find that they have to remove a woman and her six children. (R)

six children. (R)

9.00 Football League Tonight. Kelly
Cates and George Riley present
extended highlights of the latest
games, including Leeds United v
Sheffield Wednesday and Chartton
Athletic v Hull City in the
Championship, as well as all the
goals from League One and
League Two. Plus, a round-up of
the main talking points.

10.25 Greatest Ever Sitrons. Mel

the main talking points.

10.25 Greatest Ever Sittoms. Mel Giedroyc narrates a countdown of the nation's 50 best-loved TV comedies, as voted for by Channel 5 viewers in an online poll. (R)

1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 Transporter: The Series. 4.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinine Jones. (R) 4.50 Make It Big. (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Top Gear:
Best of Series 22 9.00 Film: Minority
Report (2002) 11.20 Family Guy 1.40
Top Coppers 2.10 People Just Do
Nothing 3.10 Young, Welsh and Pretty
Skint 3.40 Dead Air 4.00 Close

BBC Four

7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano 8.00 Sicily Unpacked 9.00 The Young Montalbano 10.50 Top of the Pops: 1979 – Big Hits 11.50 Status Quo: Live and Acoustic 12.50 Sounds of the Eighties 1.15 Sicily Unpacked 2.15 Lost Land of the Volcano 3.15 Sounds of the Eighties 3.40 Close

ITV2

11.20 Take Me Out 12.30 The X Factor:
Cheryl's Classic Cuts 1.30 You've Been
Framed! 2.00 Film: Kangaroo Jack
(2003) 3.45 Film: The Shaggy Dog
(2006) 5.40 The X Factor: Oily &
Caroline's Top 10.6.45 Film: Miss
Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
(2005) 9.00 Film: Knocked Up (2007)
11.40 Film: The Matrix Revolutions
(2003) 9.00 Film: Knocked Up (2007)
(2003) 2.05 Fake Reaction 2.00 (2003) **2.05** Fake Reaction **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreer

11.55 Wycliffe 1.00 A Touch of Fros 11.55 Wycliffe 1.00 A louch of Frost 3.05 Film: Holiday On the Buses (1973) 4.55 Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) 7.00 Doc Martin 8.00 Lewis 10.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 12.00 Wire in the Blood 1.30 On the Buses 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV4
1.40 Storage Wars 2.10 Film: Spartacus (1960) 6.00 World Series of Darts: Sydney 9.30 Storage Wars 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Film: Air America (1990) 1.20 Hogan's Heroes 1.50 Cycling 2.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

E4
11.00 Baby Daddy 12.00 Made in
Chelsea LA 1.00 Melissa 8. Joey 2.00 The
Goldbergs 3.00 Hovy Med Your Mother
4.00 Drocklyn Nine-Nine 4.30 The Big
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Bang Theory St The Cleveland Show **4.15** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.40** Revenge

11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) 1.00 Rat Race (2001) 3.10 The Last Mimzy (2007) 5.00 Casper (1995) 7.00 Evolution (2001) 9.00 Shutter Island (2010) 11.40 Lesson of the Evil (2012) 2.15 Underworld: Awakening (2012) 4.00 Close

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Big Blue Live (BBC1, 7pm)

New series. Matt Baker, Liz Bonnin and Steve Backshall present a three-part series observing the wide variety of sea creatures that gather in California's Monterey Bay, including many endangered species. Liz discovers why the area attracts so many animals Steve goes in search of humpback whales and Matt watches a shoal of 25,000 sardines, Plus, Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall investigates the conservation of endangered species, and looks at the history of whaling. Featuring contributions from scientists working at local research

6.00 Breakfast. 7.40 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 BBC News. 10.00 Sunday (R) 9.00 BBC News. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Bargian Hunt. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Weather 12.10 Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix. Coverage from the Circuif de Spa-Francorchamps (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 The Great British Bake (Dr. (R) 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme.

6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Anita Rani visit Powis castle, taking a Hami visit Powis castle, taking a tour of the gardens and finding out about a locally brewed beer made with honey. Matt also climbs 40 feet in the air to prune Britain's biggest yew hedge, while Anita meets volunteers delivering locally crown fuit bed vegetbles. grown fruit and vegetables. Including Weather for the Week

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8.00 Casualty. Part two of two. Max and Zoe's wedding day arrives, bu someone has developed cold feet. Medical drama, starring Jamie Davis and Sunetra Sarker.

9.00 Partners in Crime Part two of three. Tommy and Tuppence feel certain they have identified the spy – only for their prime suspect to turn up dead. They both have different ideas about who killed

10 00 BBC News

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring West Bromwich Albion v Chelsea Everton v Manchester City and Watford v Southampton.

11.40 Film: Eurotrip. (2004) Comedy, starring Scott Mechlowicz. 1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.15

6.00 The Instant Gardener. (R) 6.45 The Instant Gardener. (R) 7.30 Countryfile. Instant Gardener. (R) 7.30 Countryfile. (R) 8.30 Gardeners' World. (R) 9.00 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bitss. 11.00 Live Athletics. World Championships. 3.00 Live Triathlon. 4.15 Equestrian: Europea Jumping Championships. 5.15 Triathlon. 6.00 Rugby Union. France v England. Highlights of the Test match at the Stade de France, as the sides continued this reasonations for

continued their preparations for next month's World Cup. (R)

next month's World Cup. (R)

7.00 Althelics: World Championships
Highlights. Gabby Logan presents
action from the second day at the
Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing,
including the conclusion of the
heptathlon and the 100m final.

8.00 Dragons' Den. The panel
considers a business proposal

involving vegetables in disguise, and is asked by a scientist to help

and is asked by a scientist to nei him demonstrate his plans by mixing up a strange concoction. 9.00 Odyssey. Peter finally makes contact with Yusuf Qasim while Ruby is forced to come to terms with the fact that her mission is not yet complete.

9.45 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm.
The couple's plans seem doomed when their mortgage falls through.
They get back on track by buying a smallholding at auction, but find their new home has plenty of problems.

10.15 Family Guy. Meg convinces Brian to take her SAIs for her, but when she receives poor exam results everyone begins to question how smart the dog really is.

10.35 Family Guy. Peter takes up smoking, and is quickly approached by an advertising evertitive to her this face of a new

executive to be the face of a new campaign – for an anti-smoking

group.

11.00 Family Guy. Peter and his friends fight to save their favourite booth in the Drunken Clam after it is claimed by another group of men.

claimed by another group of men.

11.20 Film: The Ring, (2002) A
journalist investigates teenage
deaths linked to a videotage, which
is rumoured to cause the demise
of anyone who watches it. Horror
remake, with Naomi Watts and
Martin Henderson.

1.05 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 2.00 Sir
Stanley Matthews: The Wizard of
Wembley, (R) 2.30 Live Athletics: World
Championships. 4.30 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show!
6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R)
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7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.15 Sooty (R) 7.30 Super 4. (R) 7.45 Pish Hooks 8.00
Young Justice Invasion. (R) 8.25 Piv
News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, Show.
(R) 12.25 The Jerreny Kyle Show. (R)
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7.00 Animal Mums. New series, Nature Animal Mums. New series. Nature documentary revealing how animals cope with the demands of raising their offspring. The first episode features gorillas, rhinos, highland cows and newborn lambs.

highland cows and newborn lambs.

8.00 Midsomer Murders. The launch of the latest sparkling wine by Midsomer Vinae Winery falls flat when critic Nadia Simons gives it a scathing review, then guests sampling the vintage start to collapse. Owner William Carnarvon suspects the Farmers' Wives Association of trying to destroy his business, while his wife Diana frets over her mother Matilda, one of the victims. Pathologist Kate reveals the drink was laced with slug poison, but how is the attack connected to the death of a child in a hil-and-run? Barnaby and Nelson are called in to investigate. Neil Dudgeon and Gwilym Lee star in the mystery drama, with Claire Bloom, Mark Bonnar and Rosie Cavaliero. (R)

10.001TV News: Weather.

10.15 Man and Beast with Martin Clunes. Part two of two. The actor meets doting dog owners in Tokyo, learns the truth behind snake-charming in Nepal and finds out how birds are used for gambling in Thailand, (R)

gambling in Inaliand. (H)

11.1556 Up. Continuing the 2012
update in the landmark
documentary series, following the
stories of a group of participants
whose lives have been chronicled
since 1964. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.45 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.10 The Chateau Impney Hill Climb. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Fraster. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year 2015. (R) 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.25 The Simpsons. (R) 2.25 The Simpsons. (R) 2.25 The Simpsons. (R) 2.25 The Simpsons. (R) 2.30 Location. Location. Location. (R) 5.35 A Place In the Sur. I Home or Awa.

7.00 Return of the Black Death: Secret Heturn of the Black Death: Secret History. One of the most devastating pandemics in human history, the Black Death swept through London in 1348, killing old and young, rich and poor, within days of their first within days of their first "
symptoms. Becaived wisdom has
long suggested the culprit was
bubonic plague, spread by the
fleas of infected rats, and an
unexpected discovery made by
Crossrall engineers working on a
shaft on the edge of London's
Charterhouse Square in 2013
provides a new insight into how
the disease passed from host to
host. This documentary follows
experts from a range of discinlines experts from a range of disciplines as they pick through the evidence, reveal why the disease killed on such a large scale, and discuss how it still poses a threat today. (R)

Time Crashers. New series. Tony Robinson presents a show in which 10 celebrities experience life in different eras. In the first episode, they must work as servants in an Elizabethan manor

9.00 Film: Les Miserables. (2012) Premiere. A former prisoner tries to lead an honest life in post-revolutionary France, despite being pursued everywhere by a fanalical indica inspector. fanafical police inspector. He promises a poverty-stricken factory worker that he will raise her child, a relationship that gives his life new meaning, but both of them are drawn into an uprising against the reinstated monarchy, Musical, starring Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway.

12.10 Film: Wall Street Money Never Sleeps. (2010) 2.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.35 Jamie's Money Saving Meals, 19.5.05 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R) 5.55 How I Met Your Mother. (R) fanatical police inspector. He

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b.00 (milkshakel: reppa rig. b..0) amanas in Piyamas. (R) 5.15 Milkshakel Monkey. (R) 6.20 Pip Ahoyl (R) 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.45 Chloes Closet. (R) 7.00 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.10 Paw Patrol. 7.25 Little Princess. (R) 7.40 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 7.50 Zack and Ouack. 8.00 Ben and Hollys Little Kingdom. (R) 8.15 Lelly Jamm. (R) 8.30 Lazy Town. (R) 8.55 Dora and Friends. (R) 9.25 SpongeBob SquarePants. (R) 9.25 SpongeBob SquarePants. (R) 1.30 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.20 Film: Michael. (1996) Fantasy comedy, starring John Travolta and Andie MacDowell. Edited for Inaguage and MacDowell. Edited for language and violence. 3.20 Film: Pete's Dragon. (1977) Musical fantasy, starring Jim Dale. 5.25 Film: The Sword in the Stone (1963) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Rickie Sorenson.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia Action from the fourth day of the action from the fourth day of the series-concluding Fifth Test, which comes from the Oval. Presented by Mark Nicholas, who also commentates alongside Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

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8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. Officers take on a crook who has devised a crafty scheme to get something for nothing, while PC Barry Peach is confronted by a foul-mouthed pensioner. The teams also tries to catch a pair of four-legged runaways heading in the direction of a busy motorway. Vinnie Jones presents.

9.00 Film: Snitch. (2013) Premiere. A Film: Snitch. (2013) Premiere. A man learns his estranged son is facing 10 years in prison for a crime he did not commit, so makes a deal with the authorities. In return for the charges being dropped, he will go undercover as an informant in a drug trafficking operation, putting his life on the line to bring the cartel down. Crime thiller, starring Dwayne Johnson and Susan Sarandon.

and Susan Sarandon.

11.15 Film: Fight Club. (1999) A
disillusioned office worker and I
mysterious friend start a club
where frustrated men vent their
anger in bare-knuckle fighting.
Drama, starring Brad Pitt and
Edward Norton.

1.50 SuperCasino. 3.10 Under the Dome. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Formula 1: The Belgian Grand Prix—Highlights 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Flm:
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time
(2010) 10.50 Top Coppers 11.20 Family
Guy 12.65 American Dad 12.25 Family
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Guy 12.65 Top Coppers 1.15 Don't Tell
the Bride 2.15 Dead Air 2.35 Film: Old
Dogs (2009) 4.00 Close
BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms Sunday Symphony 8.05
When Worsley Met Roy: Sir Roy Strong
at 80 9.05 Darcey Bussell's Looking for
Audrey 10.05 Sinatra: All or Nothing at
All 12.05 Juliette Binoche: Antigone at

Audrey 10.05 Sinatra: All or Nothing at All 12.05 Juliette Binoche: Antigone at the Barbican 1.35 When Worsley Met Roy: Sir Roy Strong at 80 2.35 Andrew Marr on Churchill: Blood, Sweat and Oil Paint 3.35 Close

ITV2

11.50 Take Me Out 1.20 The X Factor:
Olly & Caroline's Top 10.2.20 Film:
Homeward Bound II: Lost in San
Francisco (1986) 4.10 You've Been
Framed!: Holidays 5.10 The X Factor:
Nick & Rita's Top 10.6.15 Film: Hulk
(2003) 9.00 Film: The Holiday (2006)
11.40 Safeword 12.30 Film: Romy and
Michele's High School Reunion (1997)
2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 TIV2
Nightscrean Nightscreen

ITV3

11.30 Agatha Christie's Marple 3.35 A
Touch of Frost 5.40 Inspector Morse
8.00 Cornwall with Caroline Quentin 8.30
Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs 9.00
The Mighty Mississippi with Trevor
McDonald 10.00 Birds of a Feather 10.35
Northern Lights 11.35 Agatha Christie's
Marple 1.30 Blue Murder 2.45 On the
Buses 3.10 ITV3 Nightscreen

6.10 Football's Greatest: Lionel Messi 6.30 Pawn Stars 7.00 Cycling 8.00 Premiership Rugby 7s Series 9.00 Film: Mercury Rising (1998) 11.15 Film: Daylight (1996) 1.30 Highway Patrol 2.00 Cycling 3.00 Teleshopping

E4
12.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 2.30
Bad(ish) Robots 3.35 The Goldbergs
4.30 Film: Turner & Hooch (1989) 6.35
The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Rude Tube
10.00 Gogglebox 12.10 Tattoo Fixers
1.15 Young, Free & Single 2.20 Rules of
Engagement 3.25 Hollyoaks

11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012) 1.00 Big Miracle (2012) 3.05 Tooth Fairy (2010) 5.10 Gulliver's Travels (2010) 6.45 The Women (2008) 9.00 Warm Bodies (2013) **10.55** Sinister (2012) **1.05** Don't Look Now (1973)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Profile for Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A criminal profiler retires to live in California with her family and move on from the horrific crime that ended her career. Her idyllic life is shattered when she discovers the serial killer responsible has escaped from prison and is intent on terrorising her. Thriller, starring Nicki Aycox and Steve Bacic. (2013)

Deadly Suspicion, Channel 5, 3.20pm

The estranged members of the Danville family are reunited when their patriarch, a prominent politician, is murdered. However, one of them is missing - an unstable daughter who was abandoned in a mental institution years before. When news reaches them that she escaped on the night of the killing, they realise she could be the culprit - and they could be next. Thriller, starring Marilu Henner. (2008)



Gone Baby Gone, Friday, BBC1, 11.35pm

Obsessed, BBC1, 11.35pm

An executive with a successful job and a happy family life finds his world crumbling around him when a temporary worker is assigned to his office. The new arrival becomes fixated on him, going to desperate lengths to seduce him. Thriller, starring Idris Elba, Beyonce Knowles and Ali Larter. (2009)

Deadly Daycare, Channel 5, 3.20pm

A divorcee suspects a daycare centre of mistreating her young daughter. When the girl's increasingly awkward behaviour arouses suspicion, the mother plants a hidden camera on the premises. Thriller, with

Gone Baby Gone, BBC1, 11.35pm

A tough Boston neighbourhood becomes the centre of a media circus when a four-year-old girl goes missing. A private detective is reluctantly drawn into the case when the child's aunt hires him to find her, and while investigating around the area where he grew up, he uncovers secrets and deceit surrounding the disappearance. Drama, with Casey Affleck. (2007)

Katie and guests hit all the right notes

pparently, just as a performand is about to begin, acclaimed British double bassist Chi-Chi Nwanoku feels as if she's taking her marks at the starting blocks on an athletics track.

Then, when the conductor's bator comes down, Nwanoku is straight out of the blocks, working towards the

nnisning line.

Actually, this admission from the
London-based musician of Nigerian
and Irish descent isn't that surprising,
because from the age of eight, Chi-Chi
was destined for an international career
as a 100-metre sprinter.

At 16, she narrowly missed qualifying for the 1972 Munich Olympics, and two years later was on track for the next Games in Montreal.

Then disaster struck – a knee injury meant that she could never again compete at a national level. Devastated, she returned to school, and thankfully discovered that fate had something positive in store for her — music

Nowadays, Nwanoku is established as principal bass with the Orchestra of

the Age of Enlightenment, as well as being a chamber-music performer and professor of double-bass studies at London's Trinity College of Music.

She is also the host of a weekly requests programme on BBC Radio 3 and was a jury member of BBC2's Classical Star.

Tonight, she joins Katie Derham for this week's jam-packed edition of weekly magazine show Proms Extra.

The pair will be joined by baritone Roderick Williams, who may be feeling a little sleepy after performing Bach's much-loved Magnificat, Mass in G minor and Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 alongside the BBC Singers and the Academy of Ancient Music during last night's Late Night Prom at the Royal Albert Hall.

Williams will also be looking forward to his next Proms appearance on September 11 when he is taking to the stage alongside conductor Sir Simon Rattle and the Vienna Philharmonic to sing part of Eigar's intoxicating The Dream of Gerontius.

Among the other Proms highlights up for discussion tonight are Bach's solo

violin works, which were performed so memorably by violinist Alina Ibragimova at the end of July.

Katie, Chi-Chi and Roderick also look back on the National Youth Orchestra's annual visit to the Proms a fortnight ago where they focused on Mahler's bitterly beautiful Ninth Symphony.

Their concert also opened with the world premiere of Tansy Davies's Re-greening, a celebration of spring written specially as a complement to Mahler's aforementioned work.

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Finally, there is footage and
discussion of Daniel Barenboim's West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, who
performed at the Albert Hall on
Tuesday in a concert that was
broadcast last night on BBC4.

Barenboim took to the piano to play a trio of challenging pieces

- Beethoven's Triple Concerto,
Schoenberg's Chamber Symphony
and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphon

And if all that wasn't enough, David Owen Norris once again gets 'Inside the Score' – delving deeper into the some of the music heard at the 121st season of the Proms.



Katie Derham features in Proms Extra 2015, Saturday, BBC2, 7pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

ITV, 9pm
The tourists stay closer to home as they sample what the Lake District has to offer. The Boyles from Dorset are amazed by the jaw-dropping scenery, but soon question if a small caravan is enough to accommodate their lively brood of kids, while a trip to Keswick pencil museum does nothing to convince Honor Chapman-Blackwell and her boyfriend Jonjo of the area's charms. Simon and Jayne Brearley face a battle persuading son Ben of the pleasures of hiking up a hill, while a trip to a local climbing centre nearly spells disaster for

Muslim Drag Queens Channel 4, 10pm

model Riah, Last in the series.

Ian McKellen narrates this First Cut documentary providing unprecedented insight into the UK's clandestine gay Asian community, which provides a vital lifeline and haven for young men who are unable to publicly reconcile their sexuality with their cultural identity and traditions. The film focuses on the stories of three of the 100 to 150 Muslim drag queens who face the seemingly insurmountable challenge of gaining acceptance and tolerance within their own communities

TUESDAY BBC1, 9pm

Ted leads an investigation into the apparent suicide of a city trader who was embroiled in the cut-throat world of London's financial district in the 1980s. As the team delve deeper into the macho fraternity of 'The Wolfpack', they find a darker side to the debauchery, secret hand signals and all-nighters that bonded the traders together - including a strict hierarchy that might be worth killing for. Meanwhile, Steve tries to learn some tricks of the trade, amid his own financial crisis

WEDNESDAY Witnesses

Channel 4, 10pm

Kaz Gorbier is now in police custody, seemingly removing the immediate threat, but the mystery of who has been placing the exhumed bodies in various show-homes remains unsolved. Paul and Sandra push their abilities to the limit as they work to achieve closure, and as their investigation draws closer to its conclusion. dark secrets from Le TrÈport's New Tricks, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

past begin to resurface - with devastating

THURSDAY Stephen Fry's Central America ITV, 9pm

It's seven years since Stephen Fry embarked on an epic trip to each of the USA's 50 states for the BBC. Frankly, it was a bit of a rushed job, with some destinations appearing for just a few moments each. Honefully this tour will be a little more in-depth. This time, as the title has already revealed to you, he is sampling the delights available south of

the border, beginning with a trip to Mexico. Stephen starts on the Sante Bridge, which separates El Paso in Texas from Ciudad Juarez, an important transit point for drug cartels - and a place regarded as one of Mexico's most dangerous cities. En route

to Chihuahua, he meets some of the area's

FRIDAY BBC1, 9pm

Long Susan has convinced the world her solicitor Capshaw shot Reid and was solely responsible for the train crash, and while the inspector remains in a coma Drake and Jackson struggle to cope. Meanwhile, a destructive gang of youths unleashes hell upon the streets by night, murdering a pub landlord. The trail leads detectives into the heartland of one of the city's oldest trades - the London Breweries - where conflicted loyalties reign and grief and anger create a potent concoction.

BBQ Champ ITV. 9pm

Myleene Klass turns up the heat as the competition reaches its mouth-watering finale, and you have to hand it to her - it must have taken a phenomenal amount of effort to remain so slim while being surrounded by a seemingly endless array of tasty treats. She faces temptation one last time tonight, as the four remaining contestants pull out all the stops in the battle to be crowned BBQ Champ 2015, and take home a cash prize of £25,000.

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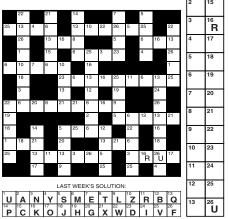
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

- Across 6. See 22 Across
- 7. See 21 Across 9. Very resistant to a
- cry of disgust (5) clothing (7)
- 12. Screen idol on the decline? (7-4)
- 14. Sorts out the confusion and submits a requisition (4.2.5)
- 18. See 19 Across
- 19 & 18Ac. He's expected to disclose liquid assets (5-7)
- 21 & 7Ac. The telling phrases of the boxing reporter? (5,5)
- 22, 6Ac & 11Dn. Do urbane rusticity?

- 1. Two companies getting a commodity from Africa (5)
- 2. Imagine being reformed without one - it's quite puzzling (6) 3. Equip with some of
- the nuclear missiles (3) 4. Feels the absence
- of the girls (6) 5. One with a big bill could be in place (7)
 8. They refuse to
- permit flags (7)
- 11. See 22 Across (7) 13. Peculiar piece of bric-a-brac given to us (7) 15. Change over a power regulator (6)
- 16. She's embraced by
 - 17. Pretend to sound indistinct (5)

20. A greyhound, maybe, to follow (3)

Quick Clues: Across

- 6. To the letter (7)
- 7. Drive back (5)
- 9. Vacillate (5)
- 12. One of the terms (11)
- 14. Remedving (11)
- 18. Stealthily (7)
- 19. Scatter (5)
- 22. Bias (7)

- 1. Vie (5) 2. Decorous (6)
- 3. Method (3) 4. Dishonesty (6)
- 8. Quarantine (7) 11. Sanction (7)
- 13. Silence! (2,5)
- 15. Coaches (6) **16.** Election (6)
- 17. Creature (5) 20. Charge (3)

Thinking space

2 5 2 4 2 9 4 3 5 9 6 2 4 2 6

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Wine-taster, 7 Inner,
8 New leaf; 10 Hastenet, 11 Fair, 13 Racial;
15 Violet; 17 Wool; 18 Mirthut; 21 Lie down;
22 Rolis; 23 Daisy chain. Down: 1 Wants;
2 Norseman; 3 Tender, 4 Sawn; 5 Eyeball;
6 Withdrawal; 9 First-class; 12 Victoria; 14
Cholera; 16 Picnic; 19 Fefor; 20 Tots, CullCK
- Across: 1 Conscience; 7 Exact; 6 Martner, 10
Cholera; 16 Picnic; 10 Fefor; 20 Tots, 10
Cholera; 17 Both; 18 Constant; 20 Total; 20
Despondent. Down: 1 Chart; 2 Nut-brown; 3 Combat; 4 Earn; 5 Contain; 6 Penetrable; 9
Reparation; 12 Feasible; 14 Notable; 16 Poison
19 Apart; 20 Help.

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Quiz

- What was the nickname of jazz pianist Ferdinand Morton?
- 2. What was the imaginary flying island in Gulliver's Travels?
- Who are the feuding families in Romeo and Juliet?
- What is a Sam Browne?
- What was the nickname of Louis
- 6. What does the Sikh name 'Singh'
- In which Bavarian village is a famous passion play performed?
 Which German battleship sunk HMS

9. In what year was the Reuter news

agency founded?

10. What is the professional organisation of British magicians called?

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It's not uncommon to assess a vehicle and wonder why it has been launched.

Some manufacturers get their product design cycles out of phase with economic conditions, while others launch into a once fashionable market that's gone cold. Then there are those that arrive plum square with the right product at the right time and the second generation Kia Picanto citycar is

most definitely one of the latter.

No model in this class has a sniff of a chance unless it can guarantee tiny day-to-day running costs and the Picanto certainly answers that particular call.

Both engines have been designed to offer maximum efficiency, from their continuously variable valve timing to their low-friction valve springs. The net result is that the 1.0-li-

tre unit emits just 99g/km of carbon dioxide in standard trim. Kia goes one stage further vith its suite of EcoDynamics technologies (automatic stop-start - ISG, advanced alternator control, upgraded starter motor and low-rolling resistance tyres), cutting emissions even further - to between 95 and 102 g/km. Combined fuel economy for the 1.0-litre model teamed with the EcoDynamics gear is 67.3mpg.
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Picanto doesn't do anything that's particularly fresh or radical but its blend of affordability coupled with solid engineering, impressive build quality, generous equipment and clean styling build upon its tiny ongoing running costs to form a convincing buying proposition. Back that up with a great warranty and the Kia Picanto emerges as one of the very best citycars we've seen in quite some time. The all-New Kia Sorento has ambition.





The UK range hinges around a 197bhp 2.2-litre turbodiesel engine and a great deal of work has gone into improving refinement'

er 4x4 has been fettled and polished into something far more refined. This third generation model looks to have the finish and engineering to put the frighteners on the SUV-class high fliers.

The UK range hinges around a 197bhp 2.2-litre turbodiesel engine and a great deal of work has gone into improving refinement, with a torsionally stiffer body shell, additional soundproofing, acoustic shields built into the engine bay, and a thicker dashboard. Depending on speed, ambient noise within the cabin is claimed to be between three and six per cent quiand steering systems have also been comprehensively reworked.

There's a stack of room inside there though, with five- or seven-seat models of-fered. There's greater legroom throughout. Cargo space also increases, and capacity with the third row seats folded flat is up 17.5 per cent, from 515 to 605-litres. Prices start somewhere in the region of £27,000 which is still excellent value for money. The Sorento looks a good deal more expensive than it is and even in a notoriously badge-conscious sector it would appear to be just too much of a bargain to overlook.

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An elite band will travel in comfort

By Ian Donaldson

Forget the Ferrari, banish the Bentley; if you want to stand out from the crowd you need the new Volvo S60 Cross Country. It's going to be a very rare sight indeed on British roads.

Volvo reckons it will sell only 100 of these gently toughened saloons here each year, while explaining they will be much more popular in India and South America.

They're both areas of the world where a saloon car shape in seen as prestigious; here in the UK we favour the practicality of a hatchback or estate and buy fewer booted saloons. Volvo meets part of that market by offering the new Cross Country as an V60 estate alongside the S60 saloon and expects to sell 850 of them in a year; rendering it a still rare sight but not in the hen's teeth way of the saloon.

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Both sit near the pinnacle of a broad S/V60 range that starts at £21,055 for the S60 with 2.0-litre petrol power (the V60 estate is another £1,200) and are aimed at owners who want a car that stands out from the crowd, while offering a little pure country laps a phility.

little more country lane ability.

That latter attribute comes from suspension that pushes the Cross Country versions 65mm higher above the road (or grassy field) than standard cars and should help if you live along a bumpy, rutted lane.

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That's the only genuinely useful upgrade for the 'active lifestyle' sort of buyer so beloved of car companies these days. The alloy looking skid plates under front and rear bumpers are styling touches only, helping onlookers tell the car apart from non-Cross Country versions if they've not already clocked its unique design of alloy wheels, black radiator crille or modest plastic wheelarch extensions.

Opt for the most expensive car in the \$60 range, the £36,525 AWD Geartronic Cross Country Lux Nav, and you gain all-wheel drive and automatic gearbox, although the engine is an older 2400cc five-cylinder unit that produces notably poorer economy and emissions figures than the car tested here.

It makes the same 187bhp as the newer 2.0 litre engine in the test car but with a little more low-speed pulling power and the benefit of auto gears if you're happy to pay at the pumps for an easier life.

Single

The S60 Cross Country D4 Manual Lux NavTug tested here comes in a single specification at £33,695 (hardly worth the bother to offer more with predicted sales so tiny) but it's a pretty luxurious take on country living.

but it's a pretty iuxurious take on country inving. Standard kit includes leather upholstery, satellite navigation, 18in alloy wheels, headlight washers, climate control, cruise control, auto dimming interior mirror and rear centre armest with storage and cupholders. Surprisingly, heated front seats are extra, as part of an optional £675 winter pack. Another £150 buys a slimline spare wheel in place of a can of gloop.

Slipping into the driver's seat of the S60 Cross Country brings you face to face with a dashboard that looks a lot like those you'll find in most other current Volvos – and that's a good thing. It means the instruments are big and easy to read, and the switches for everything from heating to adjusting the radio are bold and obvious.

Then you start up and move off, surprised to find a manu-

I hen you start up and move off, surprised to find a manual gearchange in a car that seems posh enough to take the auto route. But it's an easy change to use and the engine is responsive enough to let you hang on to higher gears around town. It will also help on the economy front. My brief drive showed a respectable 41mpg on the trip

My brief drive showed a respectable 41mpg on the trip computer (67.3mpg is the official, but always optimistic average) after a journey that gave no space to test the car's 130mph top speed or sprint to 62mph in 7.7 seconds. What was tested on some poor Cotswolds roads was a ride that delighted with the way it soaked up the bumps and

What was tested on some poor Cotswolds roads was a ride that delighted with the way it soaked up the bumps and constant little surface irritations. So the modest band of S60 Cross Country owners are going to reach their weekend holiday cottage in some comfort.

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Volvo S60 Cross Country D4 Manual Lux Nav – £33,695

Drivetrain: 2.0 litre 187bhp diesel engine,

6-speed gearbox

Performance: Top speed 130mph 0-62mph 7.7

seconds

Economy: Euro average 67.3mpg CO2 111g/km road tax £0 first year, then £30

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Warranty: Three years or 60,000 miles

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Honda's revised Jazz and new HR-V

Honda's got a lot to look at for new registration and two of the latest in the pack are the new HR-V and revised Jazz.

The all-new Jazz builds on the strong reputation of its highly successful predecessors. The newcomer retains the classic Jazz silhouette yet has distinctive contemporary styling, including a powerful new face and strong character lines.

A new platform increases overall length by 95 mm, but highly efficient packaging means that the latest Jazz is proportionally even bigger on the inside than the previous generation model. Occupants will benefit from both boot space and passenger space that are unrivalled in the class. The all-new Jazz offers exceptional versatility, retaining Honda's highly practical Magic Seat system which allows for numerous cargo configurations.

Specifications are generous across the range, with base-grade S models fitted as standard with convenience features such as air conditioning, cruise control with speed limiter and dusk sensing auto lights. Every grade comes with Honda's City-Brake Active to help avoid low-speed accidents.

The mid-grade SE model, priced from £14,595, adds front and rear parking sensors, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors and 15" alloy wheels. Honda's Driver Assistance Safety Pack is also included, giving owners the extra reassurance of five advanced active safety aids.

Those opting for the top-grade EX model (from £15,715) will appreciate smart entry and start, automatic climate control and six-speaker audio upgrade. Styling is enhanced with 16-inch alloy wheels and front fog lamps.

Access

Customers opting for the SE or EX models will also benefit from the Honda Connect in-car infotainment system as standard. This Android-based system features an app-based 'pinch, swipe and tap' interface accessed on a seven-inch touchscreen in the centre of the dash.

Honda Connect comes with pre-installed apps, with others available for download from the Honda App Centre. These give rapid access to internet-based services such as web browsing, real-time traffic information, news and weather, social media, and internet music stations.

A new, highly efficient, highly responsive 1.3 litre i-VTEC petrol engine from Honda's Earth Dreams Technology series delivers 102 PS at 6,000 rpm. This power unit delivers the sprightly driving performance of the previous Jazz's 1.4 litre engine, together with fuel economy equivalent to its 1.2 litre. Combined with either a six-speed manual gearbox or a newly developed CVT, emissions are as low as 106 g/km of CO2. The CVT's driveability is given a more natural 'multi-gear' feel through the use of new control software exclusive to Europe which simulates seven speeds and provides optimised gear change mapping.

The subcompact hatchback will be priced from £13,495

on-the-road for the entry-level S model.

The new Honda HR-V subcompact crossover will be priced from £17,995 on-the-road for the entry-level S grade petrol model, rising to £24,945 for the flagship EX diesel.

The all-new HR-V blends characterful coupé looks

merged with the tough, solid stance of a robust SUV. Inside, occupants will find class-leading boot space. Thanks to innovative packaging, the HR-V's has exceptional versatility incorporating Honda's highly practical Magic Seats system, allowing for numerous loading configurations.

Buyers opting for the base-grade S model are well catered for, with convenience features such as climate control,

cruise control and dusk-sensing automatic headlamps fitted

The mid-grade SE model adds a range of premium features, including rain sensing wipers, front and rear parking sensors and a six-speaker audio upgrade. A 'Smart Touch'

interior includes touch panel controls for the climate control.

The top-grade EX model gets a full leather interior, smart entry and start, and rear-view camera. The sense of HR-V's spaciousness is amplified with the unique-in-class, tilt-andslide opening panoramic glass sunroof.

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els will feature Honda's Advanced Driver Assist System.
There's a choice of all-new 130 PS 1.5 litre i-VTEC petrol and 120 PS 1.6 litre i-DTEC diesel engines. Combined with either a six-speed manual gearbox or a newly developed CVT (for petrol models only), emissions are as low as 104









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Nissan goes back to future

Nissan goes back to the future and brings us an honest to goodness fast hatchback.

The sporty Pulsar is back! This time Nissan has done without all-wheel drive and rally styling and instead given us a lower-key but high efficiency quick hatch, in this case powered by a 190PS 1.6-litre DIG-T turbo engine. It's available in a couple of trims and is one of the more discreet fast hatches.

Nissan was last here way back in 2000. By 'here', we're talking about selling a recognisable quick hatchback, in that case the Almera GTI. After that the Almera was facelifted and got a bit boring before Nissan decided that it didn't need fast hatches any more and started selling us all sorts of wacky crossovers and SUVs.

So is Nissan's return to the hatch sector with the Pulsar an admission that it got that call wrong?

After all, despite the encouraging sales of the Qashqai, it still only peaks at around 50,000 units sold per year, against around 90,000 for the Ford Focus.

The 1.6-litre DIG-T engine has been the secret weapon that's powered the most underrated Nissan Juke, so plumbing it into the front of a Pulsar was always going to make an entertaining hatch, maybe a little on the warm side rather than hot. Still, it more than merits your attention.

Those of you with longer memories

might remember the Pulsar GTi-R, launched in Japan in 1990. It boasted a 227bhp turbocharged version of the famous SR20E-DET engine used in the 200SX driftmobile. It deployed its power through a five-speed gearbox and all-wheel drive to quite devastating effect. Born for rallying, the GTi-R also made a fantastic, if slightly fragile, road car. This time round, the sportiest Pulsar hatch sends drive to the front wheels only and makes 189bhp, or 190PS metric.

Flexibility

It makes this peak power output at 5,600rpm, so it enjoys a few revs, although the turbocharger starts developing its 240Nm torque maximum all the way from 1,500rpm through to 5,200rpm; one reason why this DIG-T engine is so easy to drive. It's engineered to provide exceptional flexibility at low engine speeds and in doing so, delivers performance that outshines rivals units with six gear transmissions. Against the clock, expect 62mph to arrive

Against the clock, expect 62mph to arrive in around 7.8 seconds with a top speed of around 135mph. Riding on Nissan's state of the art CMF2 chassis, a modular system that's very similar in its concept to the ingenious Volkswagen MQB platform, the Pulsar's lowered and stiffened and rides on either 17-inch alloys in the Acenta model – or 18-inch rims if you choose the Tekna range-topper.

Nissan has given the 1.6 DIG-T models a little bit of tinsel to set them apart from the

less sporty cars in the Pulsar range. They can be identified by their distinctive alloy wheels, finished in a diamond cut two-tone black and silver and a sportier headlamp design which comes with a black finish to the bezel offering a greater contrast to the chrome finished projector.

At the rear, a chrome exhaust finisher is standard

The interior features higher quality materials than we've seen on Nissan hatches to date, and there seems to have been a concerted effort to create a common look and feel across typefaces and grains on the dash.

It's certainly not what you'd call adventurous though, especially from the company that brought us the Juke cabin. Again, the impression is that everything has been deliberately toned down. Look hard and you'll spot Qashqai items like the steering wheel, clocks, gearlever and central display.

play.
Thanks to the longest wheelbase in the class at 2,700mm, the Pulsar offers considerably more rear legroom and shoulder room than its sector rivals. Indeed, with 692mm of rear knee room, the Pulsar is more spacious than many cars from the class above yet at 4,885mm long, it shouldn't prove a problem to park.

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Hales win over Stour raises tally to six on bounce

HALESOWEN skipper Rich Brooker wishes the season had only started six weeks ago. Brooker led his side to an im-pressive win at neighbours Stour-bridge on Saturday to extend their

pressive will at helginours studing bridge on Saturday to extend their unbeaten record to six games.

The result strengthened Halesowen's claims for mid-table security but at the same time Stourbridge have been plunged into a relegation battle after results elsewhere went against them. Batting wasn't easy and Stourbridge laboured to a total of 202-8 from their 50 overs largely thanks to Alex Bingham (55), Jivan Jitesh Patel (37 no), Audy Alexander (26) and Stephen Game (23).

The Halesowen bowlers too toiled in the conditions and although Brooker emerged with figures of 4-47 it was the 15 year old debutant, Shazad, who took all the plaudits taking 2-27 in his 10 over spell.

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The Halesowen batsmen also found scoring difficult early but despite the loss of opener Jujhar Johal (15) the Stourbridge bowling ottook officual little threat attack offered little threat.

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Ed Kilbee proceeded effortlessly
to another superb century and was
unbeaten on 109 as Halesowen
cruised to their target with five
overs to spare. Kilbee received excellent support from Kester Moseley (63).

Adam Hawker's 2nd XI slipped

Adam Hawker's 2nd XI slipped to a second successive defeat, this time at home to Walsall. They are now placed third in the league table, 22 points be-hind leaders Shifnal, whom they face away on Saturday. Posting an under par total of 184, largely thanks to a second half century fromMark Hutchinson.

Impressive show from The George

W&W Premier Division 1 The George 245 Kings Heath Park 168

Kings Heath Park 168
THE George put in an impressive
show to regain second place from
Kings Heath.
The first four got off to a good
start with a 25-shot lead with wins
from Paul Greene (21-5), Marc Wilson (21-15) and Pete Davenport (2116)

son (21-15) and rete Davenpor (21-16).

In the middle four big wins from Phil Clinton (21-4) and Jamie Dunn (21-9) backed up by Paul Hemming (21-14) increased the lead to 57

The back four completed a comfortable afternoon with Mark Street (21-7), Paddy McGuinness (21-17) and Elliot McGuinness (21-18) all

winning. S Staffs Div 1: Woodfield 219 The

Club to host championship match Third defeat 35

match.

Romsley & Hunnington will host Worcestershire's Bank Holiday Monday clash with Somerset at their Bromsgrove Road base.

And bosses are hoping for a bumper turnout for the milestone occasion. Chairman Bernard Williams said: "It is the first

time we have ever been chosen to do this and it should be quite an occasion

"It is a big coup for the club to have been selected. "We have been chosen to host some local district games for younger players before but this will be a

possible to visit and take in the action.

Williams said that the club had been recommended by someone at the Worcestershire Cricket Board after receiving several good reviews about the facilities at the ground.

He said: "Our facilities and surrounding are su-

perb, we have a lovely clubhouse and the standard of our wicket is first class.

"The recommendation came from an umpire who came here for a youth district match.
"He recommended us to Sandwell College and we

balled from there and I think it is going to be a great

day."
Club bosses will put on a barbecue to add to the occasion and they are keen to encourage families to

the venue in particular.

Worcestershire ladies are currently sixth in DivisionTwo, which contains nine teams overall.

They will face stern opposition at Romsley as Somerset are currently the league leaders, having lost just one of their five matches so far.

Worcestershire, who face Devon at New Road the day before, have had a more patchy record with two wins and three losses.

wins and three losses.

Halesowen grab a strong victory

Halesowen win by 20 points
HALESOWEN 1st XI produced a convincing victory against Stourbridge

1st XI to seal the bragging rights.
Hopes were high as Stour posted their second consecutive double hundred having

second consecutive double hundred having put in to bat first.

But the conditions favoured Halesowen as any venom that may have been around in the pitch dried out after the previous day's deluge Stour's opening pair Alex Bingham and Steve Game gave their side a sound base putting on 52 off 14 overs.

Game was first to go LBW to first change bowler Faisal Shahid for 23.

The first wicket onesed up the flood gates for

The first wicket opened up the flood gates for Halesowen capturing six wickets for 137 runs in the 32nd over the 32nd over.

the 32nd over.

The key wicket of Alex Bingham (55) who batted for 2 hours 10 minutes fell to spinner Masharrat Shazad in the 31st over.

Rocked

But it was skipper Richard Brooker who rocked the Stour innings taking four wickets for 47 off his 10 over spell. He cut short a promising innings of Audy Al-

exander for 26 caught once again attempting to regain the Stour momentum. Nabeel Ali (3),

exander for 2c acugnt once again attempting to regain the Stour momentum. Nabeel Ali (3), Aiden Avey (18) stayed with Jitesh Jivan-Patel not out for 37 for the final 18 overs to set Stour a decent target.

Skipper Matt Bradley tried out seven bowlers including bowling five overs himself despite being injured. The eighth bowler, Alex Bingham, bowled the final over and had Kester Mosely LBW for 63 and summed up Stour's plight.

Stour's bowlers struggled to remove Halesowen pro Edward Kilbee who batted through the 44 overs for his 109 off 139 balls.

Second wicket partnership of 161 between Kilbee and Mosely off 33 overs left Stour in dire straits. The defeat leaves Stour 19 points adrift of Brewood in third position from bottom and safe from relegation down to Division three of the Birmingham and District league.

Eastnor remain rooted at the bottom of Division two and will play away at Stourbridge on 29th August.

29th August.

Wolves show best form so far



Nouha Dicko of Wolves is fouled by Moses Odubajo of Hull City during the draw at Molineux

Hull 1 Wolves 1 WOLVES played their best football of the opening three games of the season and carved out enough opportunities to have won two

Relegated Hull City, with seasoned Premier League players such as Tom Huddlestone, Mi-chael Dawson and Nikica Jelavic still in their ranks, represent on paper the toughest opposition

Wolves will face in the opening two months of the season. And Wolves more than held

their own, only struggling to contain the hugely impressive Chuba Akpom who created several chances for himself.

chances for nimself.

For this game the head coach called for a better start after some sluggish openings in recent weeks.

He also demanded his team defend

They did both in spades and also improved in midfield where Jack ett's wingless experiment yielded its best football thus far.

James Henry continued where he left off at Blackburn, constantly looking to get Wolves on the front foot, Edwards popped here, there and everywhere in a tireless performance.

Four points from two tough fixtures is certainly a good start.

sees Tipton put out of FA Cup running

Tipton Town 0 Cadbury Ath 2 TIPTON suffered their third de-feat of the new season and exited the FA Cup in disappointing fash-

ion.
A sluggish start was deservedly A sluggish start was deservedly punished in the opening 90 seconds when lack of concentration allowed Josh Harris-James to put the visitors ahead with a smart reverse shot deceiving exposed Tipton keeper Josh Morgan.

Morgan was forced into heroics time and again to prevent further first half goals but Tipton had chances in the second half through Jordan McGovern and Marvin Whitter before Cadbury settled the tie 15 minutes from time.

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A finely constructed counter-attack saw Ryan Spink drive the ball

tack saw Ryan Spink drive the ball home.

Cadbury endeavoured to build upon this good fortune, Joseph Brookes seeing his speculative drive well held by Morgan with barely six minutes elapsed. Tipton were finding difficulty in sustaining any great forward movement of note and too often most forward momentum was coming from Cadbury.

Quickly returning to the attack

coming from Cadbury.

Quickly returning to the attack
the visitors forced home defender,
Horton, to divert Ryan Spink's
dangerous low cross before the
half closed with Josh Morgan de-

half closed with Josh Morgan denying Harris-James scoring again for Cadbury.

Tipton began the second period in much more positive a fashion. A finely constructed counter-attack on 75 minutes saw Ryan Spink drive home again to put Cadbury firmly back in the driving seat. Tipton continued to try to salvage something from the game but the visitors were having none of it.

Team Dudley struggle with the numbers

Team Dudley 2 Bustlehome 4 TEAM Dudley suffered a 4-2 home reverse against Bustleholme in West Midlands Division One after hav-ing nine players unavailable for the match.

match.
The visitors took the lead after The visitors took the lead after 15 minutes with a shot on the angle from Matthew Jukes and Adam Wattley's rocket made it 2-0 eight minutes later.

James Messenger got one back on 39 minutes from close range but the Bs restored their cushion two minutes later through Jukes.

Craig Prince gave Team Dudley hope six minutes from time with his first goal for the club, but Bustleholme made sure of the points when

holme made sure of the points when Daniel Wood netted two minutes

Jordan Langford-Hill had a shot rise just over the bar late on.





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Albion close in on £5m Fazio deal

ALBION hope to complete the £5m signing of Tottenham defender Federico Fazio this week to kick off a hectic finale to the transfer window.

to the transfer window.

Boss Tony Pulis has predicted lots of business for the Baggies in the final week and a half before the deadline.

And the Welshman hopes to trigger a frantic few days by completing the signing of Argentine centre-back Fazio before the weekend in a move that will raise fresh doubts about Joleon Lescott's future.

The Baggies have all-but agreed terms with Spurs for the transfer of the 28-year-old.

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And the club are now attempting to convince the player to make the move to The Hawthorns after just one season at White Hart Lane.

He moved from Sevilla last summer

for around £8m, but struggled to make

for around some an impact.

Pulis is also close to agreeing a deal with Cardiff to sign Scotland international goalkeeper David Marshall, also for around \$5 m.

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But Lescott's future remains uncer-But Lescott s ituture remains uncertain after he was dropped for Saturday's draw at Watford. Albion have told him they are willing to activate a one-year option now to keep him next season, but Lescott wants a contract extension.

Villa had a £1m offer turned down last

month.

Pulis said: "We have lots of business to

"Unfortunately we've not been able to do it yet but we will eventually get there and then we can start working.

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"Last season when I came in the main priority was to stay up, but we're hoping this is a season of change.

"People have to be patient in lots of respects because there are going to be new players coming in."

Wolves, Baggies and Saddlers get cup draw dates

WOLVES, Albion, Villa and Walsall have

WOLVES, Albion, Villa and Walsall have been handed home ties in the Capital One Cup second round.

The draw in full is: VILLA v Notts County, WALSALL v Brighton, Palace v Shrewsbury, Sheff Wed v Oxford, Portsmouth v Reading, Hartlepool v Bournemouth, Fulham v Sheff Utd, MK Dons v Cardiff.

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v Gillingham, Newcastle v Northampton, ALBION v Port Vale, WOLVES v
Barnet, Burton v Middlesbrough, Luton
v Stoke, Preston v Watford.
Wolves, Albion and Walsall have confirmed they will play their Capital One

firmed they will play their Capital One Cup second-round ties on Tuesday, Au-

gust 25.
Wolves and Saddlers' games will kickoff at 7.45pm.
Albion's home clash with Port Vale

will be an 8pm kick-off.
Villa and Blues have yet to confirm when they will take place.

was also a come down from the win Ellis enjoyed recently at the F.A.S.T Golden Hammer contest at Perry Barr.
Team manager Graham Drury had mixed emotions after the meeting. He said: "I'm hugely

tions after the meeting. He said: I m nugery relieved that we managed to get something out of the meeting in the end but overall I'm disap-pointed with today's performance. "Adam (Ellis) was in a class of his own once again, Tom gave it everything as always and Zach rode well on his first visit to Buxton.

"But our tail end were really poor again; we threw away some stupid points when in scoring positions and that ultimately cost us the win. "Who knows how crucial that league point could be, but there were unacceptable areas for us today and I need to strongly look at the options available to me for our final three meetings of the

season."

Buxton 47: Tony Atkin 11, Ellis Perks 9, Tom
Woolley 7, David Speight 6+2, Ryan Blacklock 6,
David Holt 4+2, Steve Jones 4+1.

Birmingham 43: Adam Ellis 15, Tom Perry
10+1, Zach Wajtknecht 8+1, Sam Chapman 5,
Adam Kirby 3, Alex Wilson 2, George Hunter 0

Mogridge wants to end run in style

ARRON Mogridge is determined to finish the season in style with some big scoring in Cradley's key reserve spot.

Mogridge piled up the points in last week's Golden Hammer, which pulled in a packed crowd, beating some of the league's top riders along the way.

And with the new averages for September due out soon, he is set to remain at reserve which means he can take extra rides if members of the main body are out of form.

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The Hammer was a timely confidence boost for Mogridge as the club prepare for a crucial spell of fixtures, with a trip to King's Lynn on Friday followed by a trip to Coventry on Sunday before they host the Lynn at Perry Barr next Wednesday.

With their battle with co-tenants Birmingham for the National League title heating up, Mogridge knows they need to be on top form as they chase the top spot.

He said: "I rode well in the Golden Hammer, I felt as fast as I have all season and I came away with plenty of confidence.
"I know I can do it, and it was good to show what I could do against some really good riders. I rode sensibly and it was a big step in the right direction.
"It's just a case of starting well and finding some rhythm, which I need to do more and I'll be trying to do over the rest of the season. He said: "I rode well in the Golden

of the season. "Hopefully I can carry the confidence from that meeting on to my next few and I can manage to end the season strongly. "Every meeting is obviously very important for us now with Birmingham holding that healthy lead at the top of

"We need everyone on form and we need to pull together as a team, so I'll be trying to make sure I do my bit."

Decisive high-five for Sports squad

Dudley Sports 5 Smethwick 1
DUDLEY Sports came from behind to
hammer Smethwick Rangers 5-1 in the
West Midlands Premier.
Yusif gave the visitors the lead with a
40th-minute header but Stuart Hillman
equalised almost straight away when he
slotted the ball under the keeper.
Sports dominated the second half and
work in front on 65 minutes when a eron

went in front on 65 minutes when Aaron Gordon's free-kick was deflected past the keeper by a defender. Shepherd Machingauta made it 3-1 before Lucas Muckley volleyed home for

the fourth. Hillmans grabbed the fifth.

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iert them standing outside for the whole after-noon, because their side once again failed to inspire and left a minority of supporters moved to boo them off the field.

It is only fair to point out that the first away match of the season was far from a complete write-off. NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RE-CYCLING

Ellis maximum is just not enough

ANOTHER Adam Ellis maximum wasn't enough to stop Birmingham slipping to a narrow 47-43 defeat at Buxton.

The 19-year-old put in yet another faultless display and a final race, last bend manoeuvre not only secured him a full house but a vital consolation to the contract of the contract

tion league point for the Surestop Brummies as

well.

The Birmingham No. 1 was backed up well by Tom Perry and Zach Wajtknecht as the heat-leader trio scored 33 of Birmingham's 43 points between them.

It was the first time the Perry Barr outfit have

suffered back-to-back defeats this campaign. It

EW BOYS GET D ON YELTZ

Mickleover Sports 2 Halesowen Town 0 **HALESOWEN** were well beaten by a goal in each half at newly promoted Mickleover Sports.

In early pressure, Mickleover won the first corner in the 11th minute but Dwayne Wiley was well off target with his attempt on goal.

A minute later Halesowen's Isaac Cooper fired an effort at home goalkeeper Ross Atkins and Joe Hull then headed over the home bar from Cooper's long throw-in.

Sports snatched the lead in the 43rd minute when a corner from Charlie Dawes was headed home directly by captain Nico DeGirolamo and never really looked like giving it up.

John McGrath fired another chance over the

Yeltz goal seconds before the interval.

The Yeltz made a double substitution up-front for the second half but failed to create enough to find a way back into the game and it was Mickleover who earned a 54th minute corner through Dawes.

Fumble

Yeltz goalkeeper Matt Sargeant then saved well but survived a fumble after an hour as Mick-leover pressurised. DeGirolamo's 68th minute volley went close

Deciroiamo s octo minute voney went close before Halesowen finally threatened with a long range shot from substitute Aaron Griffiths.

Sports made the game safe with a superb individual second goal when Andy Dales placed a 20 yard shot into the top corner in the 72nd minute as the Halesowen defence laid off.

In further late pressure, Sargeant kept out another Dales shot and saved again for an 84th minute corner.

Mickleover Sports: Atkins; Bennett, Walker, Broadhead, Wiley, DeGirolamo (c), Dales, Grif-fiths Junior, Osheboke (Ricketts 63), McGrath, Dawes.

Unused Subs: Hazel, Bryant, Walshe, Turner. Halesowen Town: Sargeant; Connolly, Cooper, Denny (c), Hull, Morrison, Charles, Bragoli (Griffiths 66), Pearson (Taylor HT), Col-lins (McGee HT), Mandair.

Unused Sub: Westwood.

Attendance: 208



BOING BOING! BAGGIES

West Bromwich Albion's Claudio Yacob (left) and Watford's Troy Deeney battle for the

Watford 0 Albion 0

"We've got to do better" said Gareth McAuley on his way out of Vicarage Road.

Just two games into the Baggies' season and the natives are already getting restless.

And after a horrid, torpid afternoon of frustration that came with worrying flashbacks of the previous two campaigns, it is hard to blame them.

There were grouples and groups from the

There were grumbles and groans from the Vicarage Road stand before the game as mal-functioning turnstiles delayed the visiting fans' admission.

By the time referee Paul Tierney put them out of their misery with a final blast of his whis-

tle at around 4.50pm, the 2,000 travelling Baggies might have wished Hornets officials had left them standing outside for the whole after-

Intensely

Any point on the road in the intensely competitive Premier League is a useful one and even more so on a day when the hosts are fired up more than usual by a boisterous home support bursting with excitement at their first



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